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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

I apologize for the tardiness of the
newsletter this month!

I had several health issues that left me
unable to complete it until this week. I

am much better now and very

thankful!

-Jenny Gullion SMC



Quotes by Quakers

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THE "OLD MAN" WORSHIPS GOD AT A DISTANCE, BUT KNOWS HIM NOT, NOR WHERE HE IS, BUT BY RELATION FROM OTHERS, EITHER BY WORD OR WRITING... THE NEW MAN WORSHIPS GOD AT HAND, WHERE HE DWELLS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE, AND HE KNOWS HIM BY HIS OWN WORD FROM HIS DWELLING-PLACE, AND NOT BY RELATION OF OTHERS.

~ JAMES NAYLER, 1616-1660

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A Word of Devotion

EXPERIENCING GOD

By: Michael Brown

It's important to have a robust intellectual faith, one that can withstand all kinds of attacks and challenges. But it's also essential that we have a robust experiential faith, one that understands what it means to have a personal relationship with God.

After all, didn't Jesus say that eternal life consists of knowing Him and His Father (not merely knowing about Him; see John 17:3). Didn't Paul write that we enjoy fellowship with the Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14)? Didn't Peter speak of the inexpressible and glorious joy that is a direct result of our faith (see 1 Peter 1:8)? And isn't salvation (and the new birth) something that we experience?

That's ultimately how we know that the Bible is truly God's Word, not simply by intellectual arguments but by experiencing the God of the Bible in our own lives.

That's ultimately how we know that Jesus rose from the dead, not simply by apologetic proofs but by encountering the risen Savior for ourselves.

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In John 4, the Samaritan woman did a great job of evangelizing her neighbors, telling them about her amazing encounter with Jesus. But after they met Jesus for themselves they said, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world" (John 4:42).

Nothing compares to a personal encounter with the Lord. And nothing can be substituted for it.

As Leonard Ravenhill, author of the classic book *Why Revival Tarries*, often said, "A man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument."

Recently, I was interacting with two former evangelical Christians, neither of whom believe the gospel today and one of whom is an aggressive atheist. I asked each of them (separately and independently) if they ever witnessed an undeniable miracle (including a miraculous, distinct answer to prayer) back in their Christian days. If so, how would they explain that miracle today?

Not surprisingly, neither one said that they had ever witnessed a miracle, with the atheist even dismissing the possibility of such a thing.

Of course, as followers of Jesus, we experience suffering and hardship like everyone else, and many of our prayers are not answered. And we don't witness outstanding miracles 24/7, as if God were our cosmic genie available at our beck and call.

But surely we should be able to point to some indisputable divine activity in our lives, be it in supernatural, personal transformation or in answers to prayer or in divine leading or in the manifestation of a spiritual gift. And surely our friendship with God should be real and deep enough to be able to withstand both the vicissitudes of life and the challenges of our modern world.

In these days in which we live, days of unique spiritual and moral and cultural and intellectual challenges to our faith, knowing about God and affirming that the Bible is true is not enough.

He is a God to be Experienced in Relationship.

Instead, we must know Him personally and intimately, telling both skeptic and seeker, "I know the Bible is true because I have experienced its reality in my own life."

It might sound trite to say, "I know He lives because He lives within my heart." But that saying remains true and real to this day.

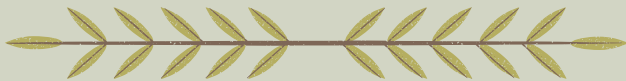
He is God to be experienced, and He invites us to enjoy fellowship with Him, not just corporately but individually.



Concord Friends is hosting the
Western Quarter Revival on
August 14-17

Beginning with the 11AM worship on 8/14/22
and each night at 7PM

*A meal will be provided Sunday, 8/14 at 6PM



Services will be held for the passing of

Janice Greene

at Science Hill Friends Meeting
at 2 PM

Friday August 12, 2022

*Fellowship and visitation in the Fellowship Hall will
be held after the burial in the cemetery.

[Tap Here to read the obituary](#)

Upcoming Events:

August 12 &13

FCNC Annual Sessions
(more info pg 8)

August 12-14

Randleman Friends
Pottery Show & Sale
(see pg 9)

August 14-17

Western Quarter Revival
At Concord Friends
(more info see left)

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August 28

Music Festival
at Kernersville Friends
(more info on pg8)

August 30

Deadline for art contest
(more info pg 10)

September 17

USFW Fall Annual Meeting
At Centre Friends

September 24-25

Somerton Friends
Celebration of 350 years
(more info pg 8)

September 25-30

FDS Trip
(more info pg 12)



Announcements:

USFW Fall Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2022
to be held at Centre Friends Meeting.
Look for more information and registration to
come in the following months!

NEW

EXCITING UPDATE FOR MARCH

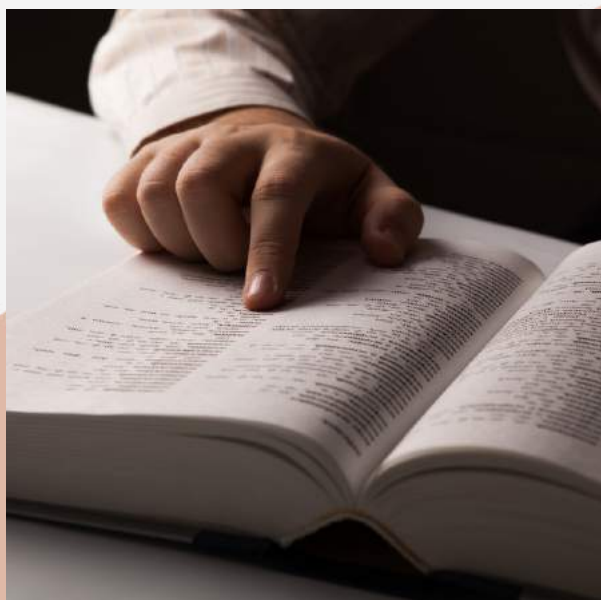
Friends World Committee for Consultation
Section of the Americas is planning to hold
their next Section Meeting in North Carolina!
Look for a letter from FWCC below (pg 6)

2023



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!**



Friends World Committee
for Consultation

SECTION OF THE AMERICAS

Comité Mundial de Consulta
de los Amigos

SECCIÓN DE LAS AMÉRICAS

Brenda McKinney, Clerk
Friends Church of North Carolina Yearly Meeting
114 Trindale Rd
Archdale, NC 27263

Re: Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas: 2023 Section Meeting Planned for North Carolina

Dear Friends,

Greetings and best wishes on your upcoming yearly meeting. May it be productive and in good order.

Each year the FWCC Section of the Americas holds a Section Meeting where a large group of Friends from many nations in the western hemisphere (and beyond) and across the linguistic, theological, and cultural spectrum gather in fellowship, worship, and consultation. The last two years this gathering has been virtual. While all have been affected by the burdens of the pandemic, virtual section meetings have been well attended, including by Friends who could not have traveled to meet in person. While we have been grateful for that alternative, we are excited to announce that plans are underway to meet in person next year and that meeting is being planned for next spring in North Carolina.

Final plans are not yet in place, but it is our current expectation that the Section Meeting will be near the Piedmont Triad close to many of you and other Friends in the state. Some of you have been to Section Meetings before and know what an exhilarating, nourishing blessing they can provide. I hope and trust that many of you will attend next year. Some of you may be called upon to assist in planning and conducting the meeting. Such participation will be welcome.

The most important and helpful thing Friends can do is be looking for the more complete details as they develop, plan to be among the Friends who gather, and hold these efforts and those involved in the Light.

In friendship,

Robin Mohr
Executive Secretary



FEMAP Education Kits

School Year 2022-2023



School supplies are on sale in stores every where right now,
and that means it's times to put together FEMAP
educational kits again!

FEMAP welcomes your contributions of:

***Spiral Bound (70 pg) notebooks (wide ruled)**

***Pencil sharpeners**

***rulers**

***pencils (#2)**

***crayons**

All donations can be taken to the FEMAP office in the Allen
Jay House across from Springfield Friends Meeting in High
Point on Wednesdays from 10AM- 2PM

OR

Bring them to Annual Sessions



FCNC 5th Annual Sessions

**August 12 & 13, 2022
at Quaker Lake Camp**

Guest Speakers:

Bob & Hope Carter, M.D. & Kenyan Missionary

Diane Faison-McKinzie

**featuring her monologue of
“The Spirit of Harriet Tubman”**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Philippians 3:14

YFAC, Nursery,
Children's Program,
Camp Activities,
Adult Workshops,
Shaded Rocking Chairs.
Young or Seasoned,
we have something planned
for Friends of ALL ages!

*Visit FCNC website :
<https://www.friendschurchnc.org>
for more info & Registration

*100 Museum Quality
Native American Replications
Craven Pottery Reproductions
Original Pieces*



RANDLEMAN FRIENDS MEETING INVITES YOU TO THE WADE CRAVEN POTTERY SHOW & SALE

**RANDLEMAN FRIENDS MEETING
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

509 High Point Street
Randleman, NC

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 - 3:00 - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 - 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**ITEMS MUST BE PAID FOR AT
TIME OF PURCHASE. PURCHASED ITEMS MAY
NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, AT 3:00 P.M.**

**For additional information, contact Wade Craven
336-498-4905 or wadecraven@gmail.com**



Art Contest

"Rooted In Love—More Than We Can Imagine"

Sponsored by USFWI Executive Committee

One Grand Prize:

\$100 and art will be used as cover for
2023-2024 Blueprints

Prizes for each age group:

- ♦ First Prize: \$75
- ♦ Second Prize: \$50
- ♦ Third Prize: \$25

Contest Rules:

- ♦ Artist must attend a Friends Meeting
- ♦ Two age groups: 5-12 & 13-18 years of age
- ♦ Artwork should be 8.5"x11" portrait orientation
- ♦ Markers or watercolor preferred
- ♦ Only one entry per participant

*** Design the cover for the
2023-2024 Blueprints
using Ephesians 3:17b-21
as inspiration**



Entries must be received by August 30, 2022

Mail or hand deliver to any Executive Committee member or mail to :

Rita Mintmier, 6354 Lewis Davis Rd., Randleman, NC 27317



North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF N.C. FRIENDS

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Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief **September 25 - 30, 2022** **New Bern, North Carolina**

Earlier this year, we made two building trips to New Bern. In each of these trips, we saw there is still a need for volunteers to help with families dealing with homes damaged by multiple hurricanes. There are many families with no insurance or funds to repair their homes. These families are depending on volunteers to help them get their homes repaired. We committed to make another trip to New Bern in September to help additional families with desperately needed home repairs.

We will continue to work with the Baptists On Missions Disaster Group as we did in the spring. We will be staying at their New Bern Rebuild Center and they will be providing us with all our meals. The accommodations will be dormitory style with women in one area and men in the other. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the Co-Coordination listed above as soon as possible.

Lodging : Baptists on Missions – New Bern Rebuild Center
2108 Old Cherry Point Rd.
New Bern N.C. 252-571-6347

Meals will be provided by the Baptist on Missions group.

Plan on meeting Sunday afternoon, September 25 at 5:00 PM at Moore's BBQ 3621 MLK Blvd New Bern NC for a group meal.

Please share this information with everyone at your meeting/church.

[?] Thank You for your continued support of the

North Carolina Friends Disaster Service



*you're
invited*
to

Kernersville Friends

August 28 @7PM Kernersville Friends is hosting a huge **music festival** featuring thier choir led by Dr. Rick Hendricks.

There will be several other special guests, solos, duets and small groups! Come join us for an evening of worship and celebration of Christ!

*320 N Main st.
Kernersville, NC 27284*

Anniversary CELEBRATION 350 Years

*Please join us to celebrate the 350th anniversary of
Somerton Friends Meeting*

24th and 25th 9th Month 2022

*5329 Quaker Drive
Suffolk, VA 23437*

*RSVP to Richard Wilcox at 757-719-3060
(mudlakefarms@yahoo.com) or Nancy Daughtery at
757-705-0979 (hollywood3204@gmail.com)*

by 21st day 8th Month 2022

*Please indicate number of adults and number of
children. For meetings, please indicate
approximate number of members attending.*

Somerton Friends
September 24-25
350 years strong
celebration!



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or

Nancy Daughtery
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FUM UPDATE

Belize Tutoring Program

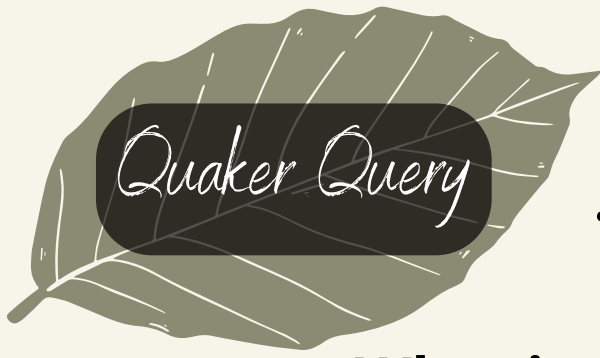
When Covid-19 began, Belize Friends School closed to in-person classes as required by law. The Belize ministries shifted their immediate attention to a food program, realizing that a sharp increase in unemployment would lead to food insecurity for many. Director Nikki Holland found donor support for iPads so students continue studying virtually. Months later, it became possible to open the center for one-on-one tutoring, though not for in-person classes. The teens who came for help included Belize Friends School alumni as well as students. They asked for help and encouragement, especially when they doubted their inability to continue their schooling through pandemic circumstances. All of the children who asked for help have continued their education. Nikki describes the students as "brilliant, resilient, determined, and absolutely admirable."

*-Below are some pictures of the Belize Friends School 2022 graduates
Congratulations on all of their hard work!*



If you have any announcements

Let us know at jenny@friendschurchnc.org



...for August

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 in my present life most distracts me from God? What am I ready to release so that I can give my attention to what matters most?
- How do the ways in which I choose to use my time, my possessions, my money, and my energy reflect my most deeply held values?

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee

Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

You are currently reading the 10th issue of "Bearing Fruit"! We've heard plenty of good feed-back over the past 10 months, and we are so glad you've been enjoying the encouraging stories, news, events, information and more. So many of you have reached out with information, stories and content in general; it's been awesome!

..BUT

There is always room for improvement!

*We want to hear from **YOU**! What are some key categories that you would like to see in "Bearing Fruit"? Are there subjects that could make it more informative? More interesting? More educational? As you read over this issue and even past issues, look over them and ask yourself, "What is missing?" and then.... LET US KNOW!*

I (Jenny Gullion) would love to get an e-mail from you! Whether you are the head of a committee, a Pastor, a youth leader, maintenance person or simply someone's grandma; we can't wait to hear from you!

Click here to send
me an e-mail



jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Meet our Missions

-Bob and Hope Carter-



Spring

The CARTER CHRONICLES

2022

As many of you may know, Bob and Hope Carter are a couple that we have been supporting for many years. Their work for Jesus has been a joy to follow! They put out a seasonal newsletter called "The Carter Chronicles". We have included some of their spring issue below, as well as ways to PRAY for them and financially SUPPORT their Ministry.

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

Kenyan believers are a prayerful people, even more so than many Western Christians. When they hold prayer meetings, they last not just an hour but often all night. Meetings begin and end with prayer. Travel begins and ends with prayer. Visitors often enter a house invoking a blessing from God and when they depart their hosts pray over them as they leave. Kenyans have much to pray about: the drought, families still struggling in an economy not yet recovered from the impacts of COVID restrictions, rising numbers of deaths and disability from cancer, strokes, heart disease, infectious diseases, and road accidents. Anxieties are shared about the upcoming general elections in August, which are expected to be highly contentious and will again pit two powerful political dynasties against each other.

But since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, prayer meetings and congregational prayers have often focused on intercessions for Ukraine. Daily news updates on the Russian invasion and the heroic and sacrificial resistance of the Ukrainian people overshadow virtually all other topics. Kenyans are once again praying for peace, but this time it is not for themselves but for a (Col. 4:3)

sister democracy under threat from invasion and oppression. Kenyans pray because they still remember from their own history what it felt like to be under the dominion of an occupying power. We pray, too.

We did return to Kenya as scheduled in early January and kept quite busy through the completion of Term 2 at Moffat Bible College. We were able to finalize and submit course grades just before leaving for Greece on 2nd April to attend an international medical conference, where Bob had been asked to present two lectures. From Greece we returned to Indianapolis, which will be home base for us until our return to Kenya in September. (Yes, our heads are spinning!)

From now through August, we will stay engaged in remote teaching at Moffat Bible College while also traveling and reporting back to our ministry partners. Please contact us if you would like us to speak to your church or small group, or even to just get together over a nice cup of tea or coffee.

We hope to hear from you!

Bob and Hope

Look below for ways
you can support and
pray

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317-443-7485 (Hope)
- **WhatsApp:** 317-443-7485 (Hope)
- **Signal:** 317-828-6329 (Bob)

Here is our U.S. travel schedule so far:

May - Travel in North Carolina and Florida with commitments on the 5th, the 15th, and 22nd. Still available: May 8 and most weekdays.

June - Travel within Indiana. June 5th already booked. All other Sundays and weekdays are still available.

July - Available - may possibly pass through PA on a family visit to western NY state.

August - travel in North Carolina - committed on 12th, 13th, 14th, 21st, 27th, and 28th.

Praise



Prayer

Praise God for:

- A very productive retreat with the staff of Trinity Fellowship, and the completion of their first-ever strategic plan.
- A successful conclusion to a good term at Moffat, and especially for all the upper primary students who made decisions to follow Christ.
- The internship opportunity for our Moffat graduate whose heart is to introduce Christ to Muslims, and that a "pathway" has been found to help him with living expenses.
- The life and faithful ministry of Dr. Peter Okaalet.



Please Pray for (cont'd):

- Hope's efforts to restart the discipleship program for upper primary and secondary school students who respond to the call of Christ.
- Bob's work with Banda Health.
- The family of Dr. Okaalet and the SIM Kenya family as we all grieve his loss and adjust to his being "absent from the body and at home with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8)
- "Divine appointments" as we plan our May-to-August travel and speaking schedule, and for safe and healthy travels while we are back in the U.S.
- The ability to successfully conduct our Term 3 courses remotely here in the U.S. and for our Kenyan colleague Martin as he manages the department in our absence.

Please Pray for:

- The students who accepted Christ to have access to spiritual growth and nurture opportunities and to be kept spiritually and physically safe.

Support Checks should be made out to SIM-USA, designated for Bob & Hope Carter and mailed to: **SIM USA, P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241-7900**. Alternatively, contributions may be made by web-based donation at: **www.sim.org/giveusa**. Our Missionary ID is **009892**.

The SIM project in support of our outreach ministries is the "Kijabe AIDS Education and Community Outreach" project. It's project number is **#KE 92163**. You can give by US Mail or online as above. **Thank you!**

JULY

RECAP

Quaker Lake Summer Camp 2022

Quaker Lake Camp has completed their 2022 season of summer camp! There are so many beautiful pictures and videos on QLC Facebook page. I've only added a few, so head over to their Facebook page and check out all that God has been doing this summer through the ministry at QLC. It was reported that nearly 600 campers were served this summer! Praise God!

Click [HERE](#) to see even more!



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Southern Quarter Revival



Darryl Bodie-speaker

Darryl Bodie, Michael Fulp Jr.
and Marcus wall using rope for
sermon illustration



Michael Fulp Jr. Presiding on Sunday evening



David Millikan presiding on Monday

