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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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“WHEN WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR, AND BE HEARD BY, SOMEONE WE LOVE, WE DO NOT GO RUSHING INTO NOISY CROWDS. SILENCE IS A FORM OF INTIMACY. THAT’S HOW WE EXPERIENCE IT WITH OUR FRIENDS AND LOVERS. AS RELATIONSHIPS GROW DEEPER AND MORE INTIMATE, WE SPEND MORE AND MORE QUIET TIME ALONE WITH OUR LOVER. WE TALK IN LOW TONES ABOUT THE THINGS THAT MATTER. WE DO NOT SHOUT THEM TO EACH OTHER. WE MAY SHOUT ABOUT THEM TO OTHERS, BUT QUIETNESS IS THE HALLMARK OF LOVE.”

~J. BRENT BILL 2005

AUTHOR OF: HOLY SILENCE

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A Word of Devotion:

A PRAYER OF FAITHFULNESS

By: Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me
an instrument of
thy peace...*

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”
— Francis of Assisi



Mother Teresa
1910- 1997

“In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realize your nothingness, your emptiness, that God can fill you with Himself. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.”



Upcoming Events:

All of October
Pastor Appreciation
month

October 1

Representative Body & Workshop
at Forbush Friends
9 AM

October 2

World Quaker Day

October 15

Bethel Friends Meeting
Pig Pickin' 11AM- 6PM

October 15

QLC Pumpkin Festival
2 PM - 6:30 PM

October 30

Centre Friends
Trunk or Treat 2PM

October 30

White Plains Friends
Trunk or Treat 4pm-6pm

November 4-6

Young Friends Youth retreat
(click [HERE](#) to register now)

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



<https://www.quakerlakecamp.org/contact>



Attention Committee Members

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

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For more information and reviews on this support group click [HERE](#)

Announcements:

INTRODUCING...

Quaker Parent Mutual Support Groups

A supportive forum in which Quaker parents can talk about their parenting and their faith.

- Open to Friends currently raising children under age 19
- Free, online, facilitated in English on Zoom
- Meet for one hour every other week for a total of twelve gatherings between November 2022 and April 2023
- **Learn more and register:** tinyurl.com/Quakerparents
- **Registration Deadline: November 1**



REMINDER

[Log in HERE](#)

2022 Directory

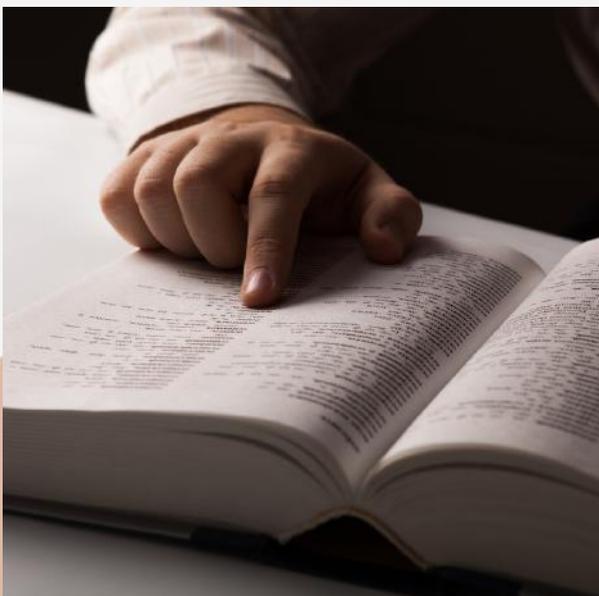
Now available!

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!**



**DELICIOUS
BARBECUE
FOR OVER
50 YEARS**



**BETHEL FRIENDS MEETING
PIG PICKIN'**

OCTOBER 15, 2022

Serving 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Pulled Pork Barbecue with
Bethel's Famous BBQ Sauce
Pintos • Slaw • Hushpuppies
\$10.00 Per Plate**

2519 BETHEL FRIENDS ROAD • ASHEBORO

***DRIVE THRU
TAKE OUT ONLY***

YOUNG FRIENDS YOUTH RETREAT

SURVIVOR

NOV 4-6 QUAKER LAKE CAMP

FERT.

Keith Bradshaw

AND OTHER YOUNG
FRIENDS PASTORS

ACTIVITIES
INCLUDE

Mission Projects
Movie Night

FOR EVERYONE BORN OF GOD
OVERCOMES THE WORLD.

7:00AM - 5:00PM
7:00AM - 5:00PM

EARLY RATE
THRU OCT 2

\$40

DEADLINE
OCT 30

\$50

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

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

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

2PM - 6:30PM

10.15.22

QUAKER LAKE CAMP

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

\$4 Admission Includes: Inflatables, Live Music, Canoeing, and Games for Kids of All Ages (with Prizes)

The Pumpkin Festival at Quaker Lake Camp offers many fun activities for all ages including hayrides, pumpkin painting, inflatables, canoeing, pumpkin smashing, and live music! Fill up on all your festival favorites including hot dogs, pizza, funnel cakes, popcorn, cotton candy, fried oreos and more!



~\$4 Admission, additional activities, and food are all cash only~

**Quaker Lake does NOT allow alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless cigarettes), pets, or concealed weapons.*

quakerlakecamp.org

A black double-headed arrow spans the width of the page above the text. Below the arrow, there are several autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, scattered across the page.

In Search of a Pastor for Centre Friends

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

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

2022 Full-Time Pastor Job Description

PRIMARY FUNCTION

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

QUALIFICATIONS

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

RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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

ACCOUNTABILITY

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

PACKAGE

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

Please send resume to:

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

Local Community Outreach

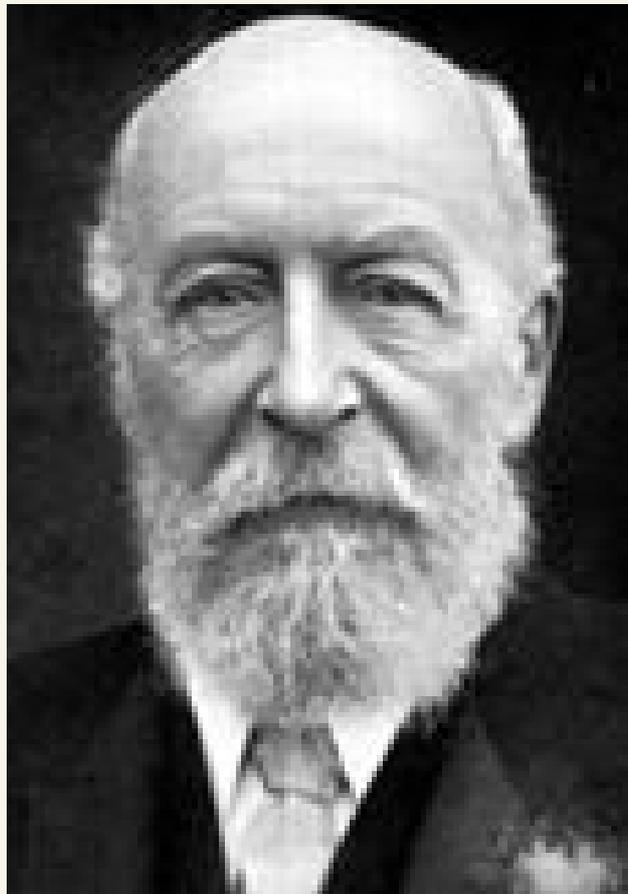
Check out what's going on in the neighborhood! **Concord Friends** has put up a cupboard in the church yard for folks who need food this fall and winter. It was constructed and put up by the Quaker Men. Concord bought the supplies that are in it now but their members are going to bring supplies by as they go by the church. Concord Friends hopes to feed the hungry in their community.



QUAKERS IN

HISTORY

George Cadbury (1839-1922)



The name of Cadbury is synonymous with chocolate – and Quakerism. George Cadbury's father John was a tea, coffee and later, chocolate dealer in the centre of Birmingham in the English midlands. His son George entered the family business in the 1860s and soon he became aware of the squalid conditions that workers in many factories in Birmingham had to endure as well as the social evils of poverty, poor sanitation and alcohol.

He believed that every person had the right to respect, and to have the basics of education, employment, decent working and housing conditions and fair pay. He realised that these were simply not available within the rapidly growing industrial city. As his business, based on chocolate that was 'Absolutely Pure – therefore the best' became more successful he bought a large tract of land outside the city and used it to build what he hoped would become a prototype for other industries.

The large, airy Cadbury factory at Bourneville was the centre of a development which included over a thousand houses with good sanitation, playing fields and other recreational areas, schools and churches for the workers, an adult education centre, shops and care facilities where children could be supervised while their mothers had a day free to care for their homes.

Every effort was made to provide an environment in which workers and their families could thrive, with tree lined streets, park areas and gardens surrounding every house so that families could grow their own produce.

The Cadbury family themselves lived on a nearby property, Woodbrooke, which is today an educational and study centre and hotel for Quakers and other groups.

Comparative statistics from the beginning of the 20th century between Bourneville children and those living within the industrial slums of Birmingham proved the value of Cadbury's enlightened vision as the Bourneville children were taller and healthier as well as being better educated, and both infant mortality and life expectancy significantly favoured the Bourneville population.

**FUM
UPDATE**



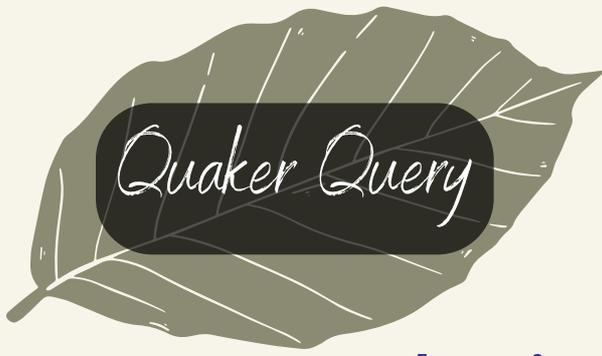
Evangelism in Tanzania

Nicholas and Dorcas Otieno, serving as FUM Living letter missionaries from Kenya to Tanzania, are planting Friends churches, with a goal to plant a church in every large city and language group. There are now forty Quaker churches in Tanzania. Churches meet under trees and in rented buildings, often in rainstorms and flood conditions, but the people come for worship anyway. For now, the church pastors are mostly volunteers. African Friends are prioritizing leadership development for the new Tanzanian pastors. Two of the pastors are enrolled in programs at Friends Theological College.



To learn more: click [HERE](#)





...for October

What is a "Quaker Query"?

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

Consider this...

- Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak?
- Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee

Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

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

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

There are 3 great ways to do that:

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

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

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

That's where YOU come in!

Pastors, announce to your congregations on Sundays.

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

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

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

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

Meet our Missions

-Friends Lugulu Mission Hospital-



Friends Lugulu Mission Hospital was established by Quaker missionaries in 1913. Now a 100-bed hospital, the hospital provides emergency, medical, and surgical services in a densely populated region where such resources are scarce. All patients are welcome, and compassionate care is offered to all patients—including those with HIV/AIDS.

Friends Lugulu Mission Hospital provides services with dedication and compassion—treating the body, mind, and spirit. Chaplaincy services include spiritual and mental health care, devotional messages, and prayer and counsel with patients and their families. Social workers treat HIV/AIDS patients with respect and honor.

Ways to Give

Donations help Friends Lugulu Mission Hospital continue its essential medical work:

Make a donation: Your financial gifts will give hospital staff the tools to do more of what they already do well. Even small gifts help: a stethoscope can cost only \$15.

Adopt a bed: There are many qualified people on waiting lists for the Adopt-a-Bed program. Please consider making a one-time gift or monthly pledge to this vital program.

Go & Serve: Health care professionals have traveled to Kenya to volunteer for several weeks and even months. God may even be calling you to join in the FLMH mission.



Prayer **CORNER**

SINCE THIS IS A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, THIS PRAYER REQUEST SECTION MAY NOT BE AS THOROUGH AS WE WOULD LIKE, AND I'M SURE MANY REQUESTS WILL COME UP BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS.

BUT THE LORD KNOWS!

WE WILL TRY TO UPDATE WITH REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS IN THE FOLLOWING ISSUE.

THAT BEING SAID, PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY PRAYER REQUESTS THAT WE SHOULD BE BRINGING BEFORE GOD TOWARD THE END OF EACH MONTH.

Prayer:

Lift up our Pastors in prayer this month. As well as those Meetings in search of a Pastor.



Pray for those affected by hurricane Ian in Florida and the surrounding areas.

Praise:

Praise God for the safety and freedom that we experience in our worship, where as many missions that we support do not always have this luxury.

September RECAP

Work Day at Harmony Grove

Many came together for a work day at Harmony Grove last month!
The old quote rang true... "Many hands make light work"!



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Concord Friends Golf Tournament

On September 16, Greg & Esther Creed sponsored a pastor's team in memory of former pastor, Archie Creed. These are a few pictures from this event.





Quaker Men Banquet at Centre

On September 19th, Centre Friends hosted the annual Quaker Men Banquet.



Walter Shore presides



Josh Brown speaks
about Quakers leaving
NC

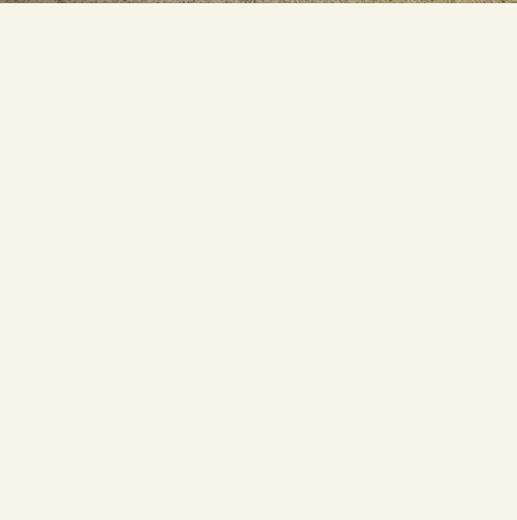




Young Friends receiving an award

Revitalization Committee Sessions

48 people were in attendance at the Ministry and Counsel Revitalization Sessions on October 1st. The pictures below are from a small group session.



Visit to DeepCreek by-Mike Wall

In September, Mike Wall was able to visit Deep Creek Friends for Sunday Meeting.



Wooden Nickels- part of "2 in 22" Outreach Strategy



Roger Holt Presides



Hoodswamp Homecoming!

Enjoy these pictures provided for us by Mike Wall from Hoodswamp Friends Homecoming service 2022. Mike was able to preach for them and it looks like a wonderful time was had by all!



