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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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“THE WORD ‘TESTIMONY’ IS USED BY QUAKERS TO DESCRIBE A WITNESS TO THE LIVING TRUTH WITHIN THE HUMAN HEART AS IT IS ACTED OUT IN EVERYDAY LIFE. IT IS NOT A FORM OF WORDS, BUT A MODE OF LIFE BASED ON THE REALISATION THAT THERE IS THAT OF GOD IN EVERYBODY, THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE EQUAL, THAT ALL LIFE IS INTERCONNECTED.”

-HARVEY GILLMAN 1988

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A Word of Devotion:

SOWING & GROWING

By: Dr. James Merritt



‘ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.’

-1 Peter 1: 23

I don't know if you know anything about farming, but the crowd Jesus was addressing in His Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9) must have. The illustration Jesus used is interesting and tells us a lot about our role in bringing lost sinners back to the Father. A farmer cannot make the crops grow, can he? He cannot control the weather or the condition of the soil. His job is to diligently plant seeds. His work with the soil is dependent on many factors beyond his control. He cannot make the ground fertile. He can only steadfastly tend to it.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have the privilege of sowing the seeds of the Gospel. It is interesting that in the Parable of the Sower, there is actually little focus on the sower. There is not much focus on the seeds either. Most of the focus is on the ground...the soil where the seeds fall. What does this teach us about our role in spreading the Gospel? The harvest's success or failure depends not on the sower but on the soil. This is good news for us flawed, timid, and sometimes downright goofy sowers, isn't it?

Our part in growing God's Kingdom is to sow. The rest is up to God. Just like a farmer, we must diligently tend the ground and plant the seeds that God has entrusted to us. We cannot make it rain. We are not responsible for the seeds taking root and springing forth in faith. We must only sow, sow, sow. Only God can reach a person's heart. Only He can open the eyes of the blind and give new life. He is the forgiver of sins and the giver of faith, not us. We are merely dedicated farmers so eager to see new growth that we sow seeds wherever we go.

Our techniques, talents, education, and eloquence are not what are important. Our willingness to sow is what matters. That is our part, our privilege, our calling. Are you sitting or sowing? You have in your hands the seeds of life.

Father, make me bold and confident in Your ability to use me, despite my fears, failures, and shortcomings. May my life be spent sowing the seeds of Your great love. In Jesus' name, amen.





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

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

latest
NEWS

AUGUST 8 & 9
ANNUAL SESSIONS @ QLC
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 28TH
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS)

THE LINKS PROVIDED BELOW WILL
ALLOW YOU TO REGISTER AND WILL
ALSO TAKE YOU TO MORE
INFORMATION, INCLUDING A SCHEDULE!
ADULT REGISTRATION WEBPAGE:

[CLICK HERE](#)

YOUTH REGISTRATION WEBPAGE:

[CLICK HERE](#)



If you have any announcements

Let us know at

jenny@friendschurchno.org

Upcoming Events:

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
AUGUST 8&9, 2025
@ QUAKER LAKE CAMP
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)

CONCORD FRIENDS REVIVAL
AUGUST 10-13TH
@7 PM NIGHTLY
WESTERN QUARTER PASTORS WILL SPEAK
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)

KRISTEN LEIGH MUSIC CONCERT
AUGUST 24TH
10:30 AM
@ RANDLEMAN FRIENDS MEETING
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)

USFW INC ART CONTEST
DEADLINE: AUGUST 30TH
(FOR MORE INFO SEE FLYER BELOW)

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)

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

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)

CONCORD FRIENDS BLOOD DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 6TH
9:30AM- 2:00 PM

****Attention Committee Members****

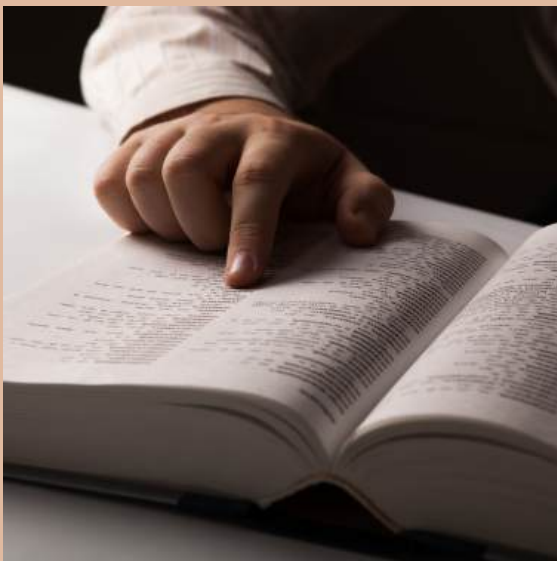
Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

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.



Center Street Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, September 7
10:30 a.m.

Randleman Friends Meeting
523 High Point Street, Randleman



Featuring:

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



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!

Concord Friends Revival

August 10th- 13th
7PM Nightly

**WESTERN QUARTER PASTORS WILL BE
SPEAKING!**

Sunday night - Cheryl Benson, pastor of Cane Creek Friends
Monday night - James Moore, pastor of Liberty Friends
Tuesday night - Daniel Jordan, pastor of Centre Friends
Wednesday night - David Hobson, Retired Quaker Minister

These services are also to serve as the Western Quarter worship for the summer. Services are at 7:00 p.m. each evening with special music at each service. On Sunday evening there is a "Finger Foods light dinner" in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. and all are invited. On Wednesday night after the service there is a social time in the Family Life Center with homemade ice cream.

FCNC ANNUAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH & SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH



**PLANTED & FLOURISHING:
NEW GROWTH, NEW VISION**

1 Thessalonians 5:11

FRIDAY NIGHT
INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP
WITH YOUTH COMMISSION
INTERNATIONAL



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



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



Join us for for music

featuring

Kristan Leigh



Sharing contemporary Christian, southern
gospel, bluegrass and original music!

Invite your family and friends.

**Sunday, August 24
10:30 a.m.**

**Randleman
Friends Meeting
523 High Point St.
Randleman, NC**



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?

ART CONTEST

Sponsored by the United
Society of Friends Women
International, Inc.

"FLOURISHING IN FAITH,
LOVE AND
PEACE"



Design the
cover of the
2026-2027 Blueprints
using Psalm 143:8

ONE GRAND PRIZE:

\$100 AND ARTWORK WILL BE USED
AS COVER FOR THE 2026-2027
BLUEPRINTS

PRIZES FOR EACH AGE GROUP:

- FIRST PRIZE \$75
- SECOND PRIZE \$50
- THIRD PRIZE \$25

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED
BY AUGUST 30, 2025**

Contest Rules:

- Artist must attend a Friends Meeting (Church) or School
- Two age groups: 5-12 & 13-18
- Artwork must be 8 1/2" x 11" portrait orientation
- Use pencil or black ink (no color)
- Only one entry per participant

Mail or hand deliver to any Executive Committee member or mail to:
Rita Mintmier, 6354 Lewis Davis Road, Randleman, NC 27317 USA



Support the Mmbalis Through 2025

In last week's edition of the FUM E-news, we shared an excerpt from Oscar and Miriam Mmbali's final newsletter as field staff. We want them to finish strong as they prepare to leave Belize—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. We want their ministry account to finish strong as well. Oscar and Miriam continue to need your financial support through the end of 2025.



Please support us by praying for our ministry in Belize:

- *Pray that when the people of Belize encounter Friends they can see Christ's life through us.
- *Pray that our church, center, and school continue to experience growth not just in membership numbers, but also spiritually.
- *Pray for each of the leaders that God is raising up in Belize—may God grant them wisdom and strength to work among their people.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)

Meet our Missions Jamaica



Over 100 years ago, FUM missionaries went to Jamaica to help plant churches, begin schools and train leaders. Today, Jamaica Yearly Meeting members continue to reach out to their communities by nurturing those in need, inviting new people into their fellowships and providing quality education through Happy Grove School. Partnering with Quaker sisters and brothers from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Jamaican Friends also hold a thriving Vacation Bible School outreach to children throughout the island.

[Click HERE to learn more!](#)

Excerpts from:
Some Fruits of
SOLITUDE

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



Quotes on
"Religion":

473- "Public worship is very commendable, if well performed. We owe it to God and good example. But we must know, that God is not tied to time or place, who is everywhere at the same time: and this we shall know, as far as we are capable, if wherever we are, our desires are to be with him."

474- "Serving God, people generally confine to the acts of public and private worship: and those the more zealous do oftener repeat, in hopes of acceptance."

475- "But if we consider that God is an infinite spirit, and as such, everywhere; and that our Savior has taught us, that he will be worshiped in Spirit and in Truth; we shall see the shortness of such a notion."

NEW

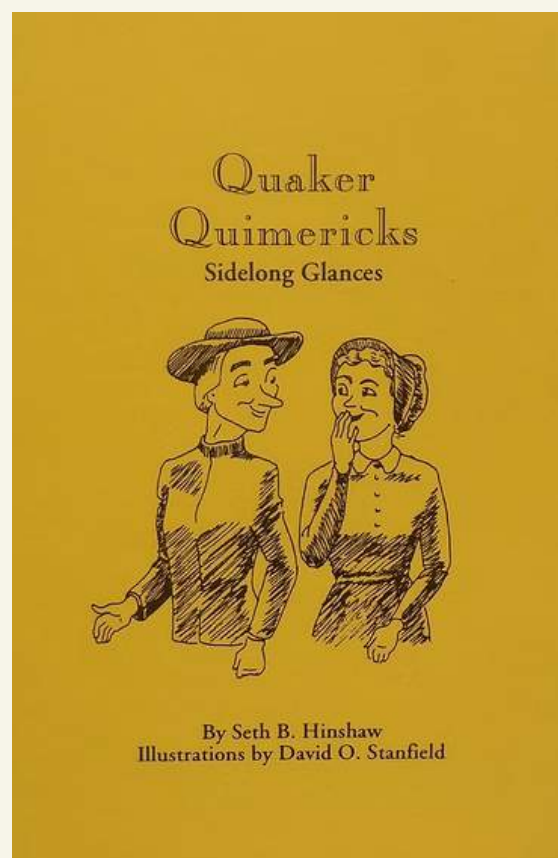
FCNC BOOKSTORE
HIGHLIGHTS

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!

Quaker Quimericks
By: Seth B. Hinshaw

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

Hinshaw writes a collection of humorous Quaker-themed limerick poems. Titles such as *Conference Blues*, *After the Manner of Friends*, and *Springtime 1750*.





Quaker Query

...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...

Are you concerned with the Preparative, Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings during which the business of the Society is conducted? Are these meetings held in a spirit of worship and dependence upon the guidance of God? Do you take your right share in the service of these meetings, realising they are essential for the support and development of our corporate concerns?

[-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 all of the students and teachers
as we enter a new school year!

Consider ways that your Meeting can
reach out and support local schools,
their teachers and the students
this school year.

Kernersville Friends-- still looking for a Family Life
minister

Baltimore Friends--in need of their own Meeting
place

Odre Nuevo-- in need of building funds

Thomasville Friends-- to see continued
revitalization

Praise:

**Thank God for food and the plentiful
resources we possess, allowing us to
share them with others. It's a blessing
to have enough not only for ourselves
but also to help those in need,
fostering a sense of community and
compassion.**



Bethel Friends USFW

The Bethel USFW has been sponsoring a school supplies drive during the month of July. The supplies will go to help the schools in Swannanoa, NC that were impacted by Hurricane Helene. Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting is helping to coordinate the delivery of the supplies on August 2.

Southern Quarter was given the opportunity to help with the supply collection during our recent revival that was held at Bethel Friends. We were overwhelmed with the response from our 10 Southern Quarter meetings! Thanks to everyone's efforts, the students and teachers of the 6 schools in Swannanoa will not have to struggle with finding school supplies as they begin their new school year.

Thank you to all that helped make this project a success!



Eddie Buford Clary Jr.

November 25, 1937 – July 6, 2025

Eddie Buford Clary, Jr., 87, of Ridgeway, Va. passed away peacefully Sunday, July 6, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born in Franklin, Va. to Eddie Buford Clary, Sr. and Ruth Jenkins Clary.

He was a dedicated long-time member of Trinity Friends Church where he served faithfully in many different capacities. He loved his family, as well as his church family, and he loved reading his Bible.

To read the full memorial [CLICK HERE](#)



Southern Quarter Revival

Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to attend the Southern Quarter Revival. He visited on Sunday and Monday evening, July 13 & 14 2025. Ten churches in the Quarter shared worship, preaching, food and fellowship.



John Vancannon, pastor of Back Creek Friends, preached on Sunday night



*David Millikan, pastor at Asheboro Friends preached on Monday night.
Ricky Sessions, pastor of Bethel Friends, presided.*



Quaker Lake Summer 2025

“With full hearts we are reflecting on a wonderful summer. We can’t believe how quickly the “Days Go By”! [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video to wrap up the Summer!

