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# BEARING FRUIT

The Official Newsletter of Friends Church North Carolina

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!

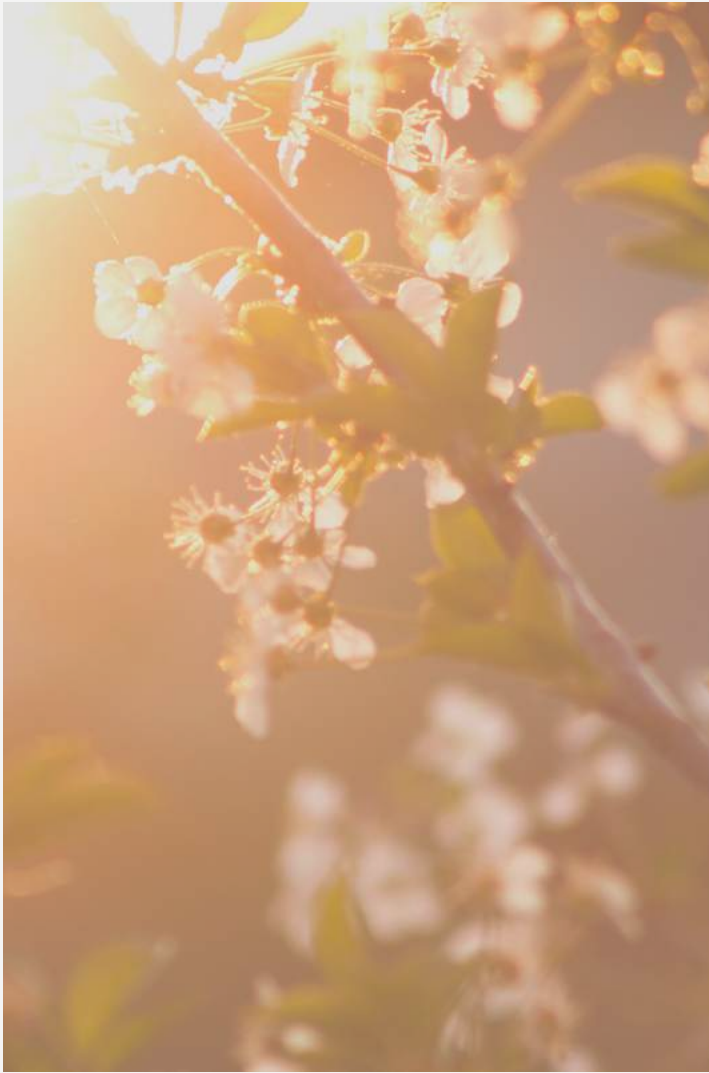
This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date on current events within FCNC.

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](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)



## Quotes by Quakers

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"WE ARE THIEVES; WE ARE ALL THIEVES;  
WE HAVE TAKEN THE SCRIPTURE IN WORDS,  
BUT KNOW NOTHING OF THEM IN  
OURSELVES."

Margaret Fell (1614 – 1702)

Margaret Fell, born in Kirkby Ireleth, England, is most well known as one of the "Valiant Sixty" founders of Quakerism, and for her famous tract "Women Speaking Justified," written while she was imprisoned, describing the theological reasons for women's ministry and religious leadership.

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A word of Devotion  
for Easter

## THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

By: Brian Zahnd

**"On Good Friday we think about one thing: the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This is the epicenter of Christian faith. At the core of Christianity we don't find perennial religion, meditation techniques, or a course in ethics, but a crucifixion. This is the enduring scandal of the gospel. The gospel is not motivational talks about happy marriages, being debt free, and achieving your destiny. That all belongs to the broader world of proverbial wisdom, and it's fine as far as it goes, but it has little or nothing to do with the gospel.**

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**The gospel is about the cross and the cross is a scandal. When the Apostle Paul told the Corinthians that he had determined to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ and him crucified, he admitted that the cross was often viewed as a scandal and folly. So be it.**

**Any attempt to make Christianity less offensive and more palatable by de-emphasizing the cross is a betrayal of Jesus Christ himself. So today above all days we look unflinchingly at Christ crucified. To enter deep into the mystery of the cross is to encounter the greatest revelation of who God is. For being disguised under the disfigurement of an ugly crucifixion and death, Christ upon the cross is paradoxically the clearest revelation of who God is.**

**To interpret the meaning of the cross is more than a life's work — in fact, it has and will remain the work of the church for millennia. The cross is the ever-unfolding revelation of who God is, and it cannot be summed up in a simple formula. This is the bane of tidy atonement theories that seek to reduce the cross to a single meaning.**

**The cross is many things:**

**It's the pinnacle of God's self-disclosure.**

**It's divine solidarity with all human suffering.**

**It's the shaming of the principalities and powers.**

**It's the point from which the satan is driven out of the world.**

**It's the death by which Christ conquers Death.**

**It's the abolition of war and violence.**

**It's the supreme demonstration of the love of God.**

**It's the re-founding of the world around an axis of love.**

**It's the enduring model of co-suffering love we are to follow.**

**It's the eternal moment in which the sin of the world is forgiven.**

**The cross is not the appeasement of an angry and retributive god. The cross is not where Jesus saves us from God, but where Jesus reveals God as savior. The cross is not what God inflicts upon Jesus in order to forgive, but what God in Christ endures as he forgives. The cross is where the sin of the world coalesced into a hideous singularity so that it might be forgiven en masse. The cross is where the world violently sinned its sins in the body of the Son of God, and where he absorbed it all, praying, "Father, forgive them." The cross is both ugly and beautiful. It's as ugly as human sin and as beautiful as divine love — but in the end love and beauty win.**

**Lord Jesus, as we look at you on the cross, with your arms outstretched in proffered embrace, we pray, forgive us, Lord, for we know not what we do. Amen.**



## Upcoming Events:

### **April 2**

QLC Flashlight egg hunt

### **April 1-3**

Deep Creek Revival

### **April 9**

Bethel Friends Meeting  
Pig Pickin'

### **May 5**

Quaker Men  
Save the date!  
More info coming soon!

### **May 7**

Deep Creek  
golf tournament

### **May 14**

QLC Golf tournament

### **June 12-17**

Deep Creek VBS

### **July 10-13**

Southern Quarter Revival



# REVIVAL

Featuring guest speaker  
**Andy Lambert**

Friday, April 1, 2022 at 7:00pm  
with Gwyn Warden as our guest musician

Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 7:00pm  
with The Morrison Family as our guest musicians

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 10:30am  
with Millie and Morgan Salmons as our  
guest musicians



## SILO RUN GOLF COURSE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT YOUTH  
AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS

# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2022

LUNCH 12:30 . PUTTING CONTEST 1:30  
TEE TIME 2:00

Contact Jay Brendle (\$200 per 4-person team  
(336.679.8089) or Jared (\$50 per golfer)



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**FOR OVER  
50 YEARS**

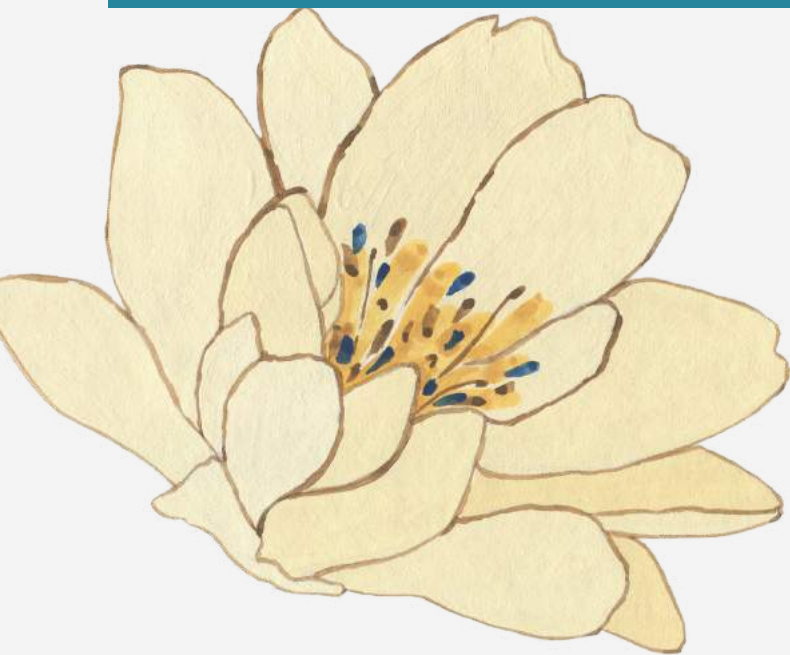
## BETHEL FRIENDS MEETING PIG PICKIN' APRIL 9, 2022

**Serving 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

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

**DRIVE THRU  
TAKE OUT ONLY**

\*\*Attention Committee Members\*\* Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 15th of each month



## Announcements:

Want to keep up with what's going on at Quaker Lake Camp? They have a newsletter!  
To check it out, just click

[HERE!](#)

## Southern Quarter Revival

July 10-13 2022 More info to come!



\*\*Don't forget to get your kids signed up for QL  
Summer camp ASAP!

As always, spots are filling up fast! They won't want to  
miss it!

[sign up HERE](#)



## QLC Sponsors

Quaker Lake is looking for  
sponsors for their annual  
Golf Tournament as well as  
the Pumpkin Festival. If you  
are interested let them  
know!

You can register your team  
or make your donations  
online by clicking

[HERE!](#)

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Keep in mind our Intern Program!  
If you know of any young adults or  
older youth in your Meeting that feels  
called to ministry, reach out.

Terry Linthicum is overseeing this  
program and would be happy to talk  
with those who are interested!



If you have any announcements

*Let us know at* ↓

[jenny@friendschurchnc.org](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)



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# Praying for Ukraine

*and ways that you can give*



By now we all realize the pain and suffering that has been going on between Ukraine and Russia. We may feel helpless to do much but that doesn't mean there's nothing we can do! Prayer isn't a second rate way of helping. It is by far the most effective way you can reach out. Our all powerful Heavenly Father is moved by our hearts cries. Remember the Ukrainians in your daily prayers.

On our FCNC website there are many ways you can donate. Just tap this [LINK](#) to check out the ways you can help your brothers and sisters across the world who are suffering.



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# FCNC Internship Program

By: Terri Linthicum



PROVERBS 29:18 "WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH." IF WE TRULY UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD, THEN WE SHOULD HAVE A VISION OF WHAT COULD BE. GOD DEMANDS IT. GOD EXPECTS IT. WHEN WE FAIL TO SEE WHAT COULD BE, WE LIMIT GOD'S POTENTIAL BLESSINGS. THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS ONE WAY TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE AND TO WATCH GOD DO MORE THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE. EVERY MASSIVE WATERFALL ALWAYS BEGINS WITH ONE DROP OF RAIN. WE NEED TO BUILD A PIPELINE OF GOD CALLED WORKERS TO JOIN US IN REACHING OUT TO A LOST WORLD.

THERE ARE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO FEELS THE CALLING TO MINISTRY. HAS GOD GIVEN YOU A GIFT OF MEDIA TECHNOLOGY, MUSIC, YOUTH LEADERSHIP, KID'S MINISTRY OR BEING THE PASTOR OF A CHURCH? IF SO, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY YOU COULD BE INVOLVED IN ALL AREAS OF THE CHURCH AND GET A FEEL FOR WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU.

ALL INTERNSHIPS WILL LAST 8 WEEKS WITH 20 HOURS A WEEK. YOUR MENTORING CHURCH COULD INCREASE THESE HOURS IF AGREED UPON. WE ARE PROVIDING THREE OPPORTUNITIES A YEAR:

1. MAY TO JUNE [HIGH SCHOOL AGE JUNE TO AUGUST]
2. SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER
3. JANUARY TO MARCH.

ALSO, DON'T WORRY, WE'LL PROVIDE FREE TRAINING TO HELP YOU GET STARTED. EACH INTERN, AT LEVEL ONE, WILL BE PAID 1,600 DOLLARS DIVIDED INTO TWO PAYMENTS.

IF YOU ARE A JUNIOR OR SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL OR A COLLEGE STUDENT OR JUST SOMEONE WHO FEELS GOD'S CALLING, PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE OR GO TO YOUR LOCAL FCNC QUAKER MEETING AND APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GET STARTED FOR THIS SUMMER.

FINALLY, TO ALL THE FCNC MEETINGS, CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN INTERN AT YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER OR IN THE FUTURE. GOD BE WITH US IN THIS UNDERTAKING AND PLEASE PRAY THAT THE LORD SENDS MANY WORKERS OUR WAY.

TERRY LINTHICUM

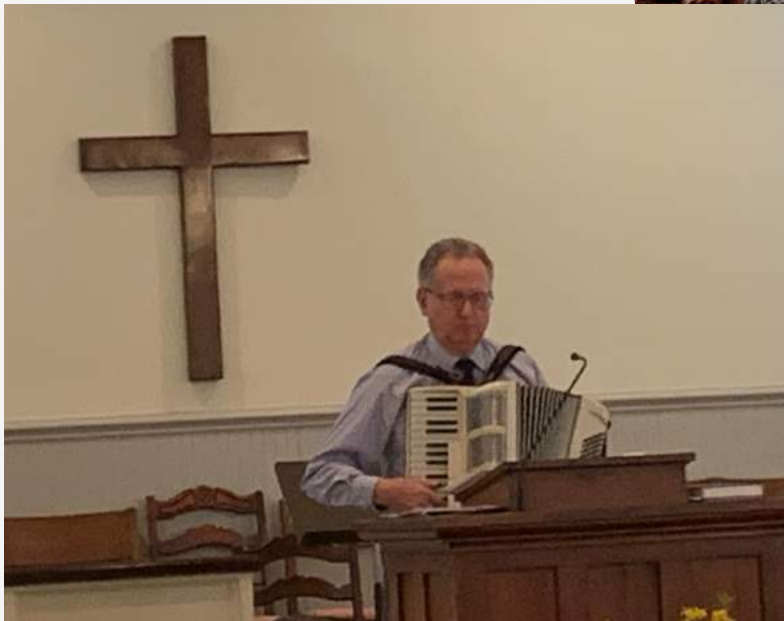
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# Rocky River Friends

Pictures and updates

Our Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to worship with Rocky River Friends on March 20, 2022. These are just a few pictures from his visit.



# March RECAP

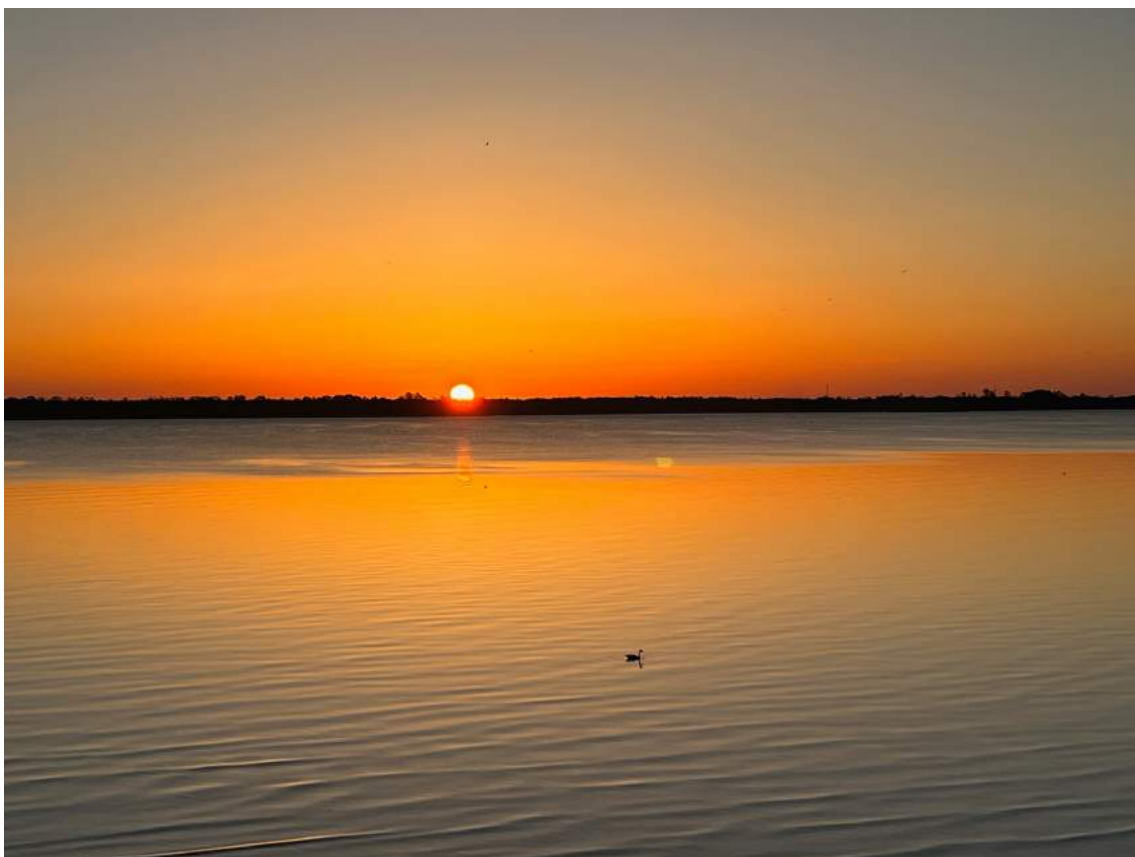


## NC Disaster Relief

These are a few pictures from The most recent NC disaster relief trip to New Bern that took place on March 20-25, 2022. Thank you for your participation and support! The next trip will be scheduled for late September 2022.



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FDS team walked to see this sunrise in New Bern.  
A promise of hope and new life!

# Youth Retreat at Ridgecrest

Our spring youth retreat was March 4-6, 2022 at Ridgecrest Conference Center. The theme was "Illuminate" and we had 30 participants sign up. The surge of Covid-19 immediately after Christmas seemed to delay or stop some of our youth from signing up but we went ahead and registered for the event. All meals, lodging and worship sessions were planned by Ridgecrest and focused on the Light of Christ. Some sessions included putting on your armor of God from Ephesians 6: 10-17. We even had a worship session night like a prayer walk that allowed the kids to seriously think where they were in their faith. Our next retreat at QLC will be Nov 4-6, 2022 so mark your calendar!





# Mid Year Gathering



The CHI RHO singing group was thoroughly enjoyed by all! If you missed it, you can visit FCNC Facebook page to listen to some of their music.

listen to it [HERE](#)



