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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 FOR Quakers

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“THE CHOICE IS REALLY BETWEEN
BASING OUR CIVILIZATION ON FAITH
OR FEAR”

~ MARIAN CRIPPS 1876-1952

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A Word of Devotion:

“REBUILD YOUR
FAITH”

By: Dianne Matthews

“ There is no shortcut to spiritual
maturity. We need trials in our
lives to help our faith grow
stronger”

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2–4 (NRSV)

In John 16:33 Jesus made a promise to His followers:

“Here on this earth, you will have many trials and sorrows” (NLT). I can understand that, since this world is opposed to Jesus and all He stands for. But I’ve always had a hard time understanding how I’m supposed to count those trials and sorrows as joy. I do want my faith to become “mature and complete,” but still—joy? Then I heard a story from a friend that changed my perspective on trials.

One spring Mike’s neighbor gave him some duck eggs and explained how to incubate them. Mike watched the eggs carefully; he couldn’t contain his excitement when he saw the baby ducks trying to break their way out. When he noticed that some were struggling, he helped them by breaking off parts of the eggshell. Sadly, those baby ducks died. His neighbor later told him the babies needed that initial struggle to help them gain strength. So despite trying to help, Mike had actually killed some of the baby ducks.

Just as those baby ducks needed the struggle to grow physically stronger, we need trials in our lives to help our faith grow stronger. There is no shortcut to spiritual maturity. To get there, we have to travel a road of trials, difficulties, and sorrows. But we can persevere because of the second half of John 16:33.

The One who travels with us declares, “But take heart, because I have overcome the world” (NLT).



Upcoming Events:

May 1, 2023

Quaker Men Spring Fling
(see more info below)

May 20, 2023

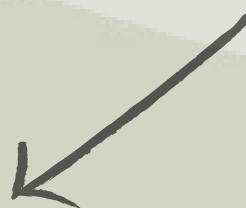
NC USFW Spring Conference
May 20, 2023
(see flyer below)

June 11-16, 2023

Next FDS trip

June 25- July 1, 2023

Theology Camp at
Barclay College



July 24- August 4, 2023

Jamaica VBS
(Please see flyer below to
see how you can help)

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

“At Kaleo Academy our mission is to train emerging student leaders for the Friends Movement, but one of our core values is to connect students to Friends churches and Friends organizations to give them opportunities to serve. Simply stated, Kaleo Academy is following the model of Ephesians 4:11-12, “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Theology Camp begins June 25-July 1, 2023, on the campus of Barclay College.

For more information, contact the director

Katy Moran at:

katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu



If you have any announcements

Let us know at

jenny@friendschurchn.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

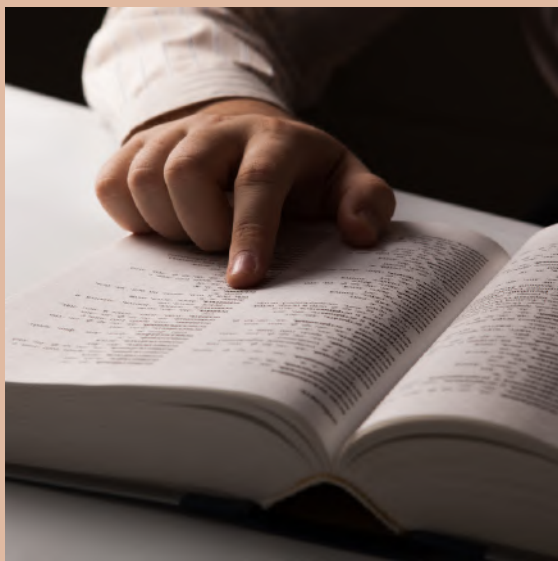
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Announcements:



REMINDER

2022 Directory *still available!*



Your updated version of the directory is now available on the FCNC website!

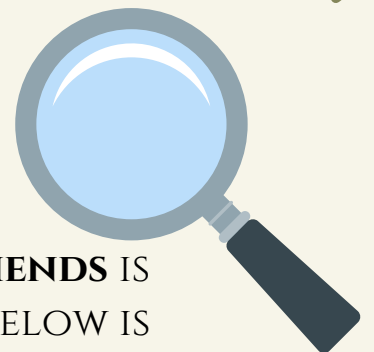
Access to the directory will require a password.

Click the link provided to head over to the website and enter the password to view, download or print.

Password: **Directory2021!**

[Log in HERE](#)

In Search of a Pastor & Youth Pastor for Centre Friends



WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL ANNOUNCING THAT **CENTRE FRIENDS** IS LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME PASTOR AND YOUTH PASTOR. BELOW IS A LINK TO THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS 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.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VISIT FCNC WEBSITE TO READ THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.

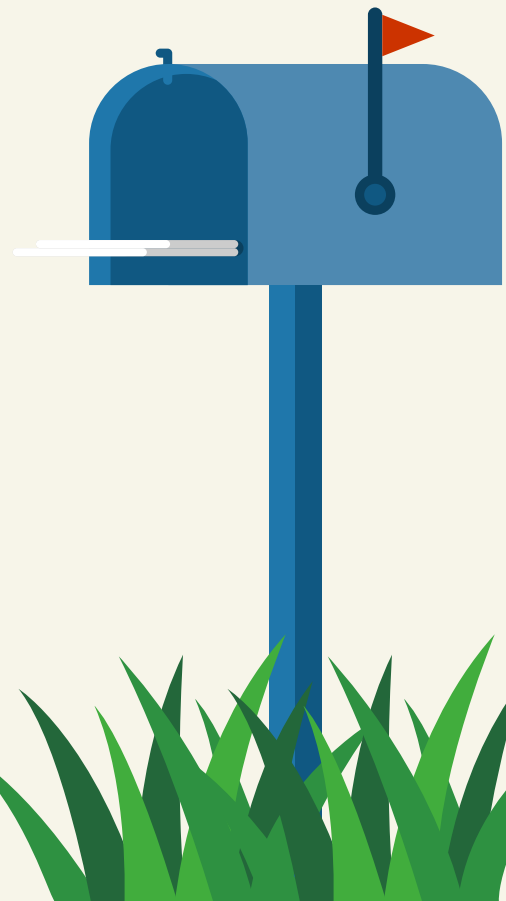
New
ADDRESS



FCNC has a new mailing address!

**P.O. Box 4240,
Archdale, NC 27263**

It is also the new mailing
address for NCYM INC.
as well as to Judith Cranford





Quaker Men

Spring Fling

Monday, 5/1/2023, 5:59 pm
Cedar Square Friends Meeting House
7546 Harlow Rd
ARCHDALE, NC 27263

Meal: Fried Chicken and BBQ with plenty of fixin's
\$13 at the door (correct change would be nice!!)

Program:

Brief update reports on project ministries:

Quaker Lake - Heather Varner

Jamaica - Brent McKinney

FEMAP - Mary Allen

Harmony Grove/Odre Nuevo - _____

Friends Disaster Service -

NC USFW Spring Conference Registration

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Quaker Lake Camp

Climax, NC



Hope Carter has served as a missionary in Africa along with her husband, Bob Carter, for 38 years. They began their service as FUM Missionaries and in later years worked with SIM to continue their work in Africa. Over the years, they have worked with AIDs education, provided support for orphans, worked with TB and Leprosy services at Mukinge Hospital and mentored new pastors and leaders through promotion of the Jesus film.

For the past 11 years, they have lived in Kijabe, Kenya and divided their time between Kijabe Hospital and Moffat Bible College. Hope assisted the hospital with its HIV clinic for 2 years and then focused fulltime on teaching in AIDS Ministries at Moffat along with being the health coordinator. At the end of their 38 years of service, they will return to The United States after attending the FUM Triennial in July. They will return periodically to Africa for shorter periods of time while working remotely and helping the home office.

Please join us to hear Bob and Hope's story and all that has happened over the years in Africa. Their challenges and triumphs in Africa correlate with our theme of "Abounding in Hope" by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration and Bookstore with light refreshments

10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Program and Business

12:00 noon Luncheon – catered lunch @\$12.50 each

Please send memorials by May 1, 2023 to Mary Anna McCullen, deetsmaryanna@gmail.com

If you can't attend, please watch the live stream video on You Tube- search for Paul Routh.

***If you have questions** please contact Janet Robbins 336-971-1212 or email jrobbins1604@gmail.com*

NC USFW Spring Conference at Quaker Lake

Please clip and send by May 13, 2023

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$12.50 each _____ **Total \$** _____

Please attach this form with check written to NC USFW and mail to:

Alicia Sharp
6 H Fraternity Drive
Greensboro, NC 27407



REMINDER

Please send memorials of those USFW women who have died in the past year before May 13, 2023 to:




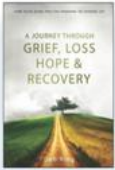



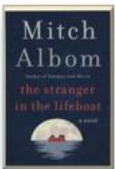
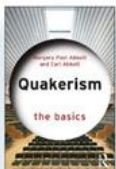


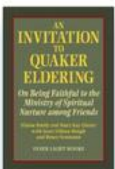



Mary Anna McCullen, deetsmaryanna@gmail.com

See you soon.

Rausie Hobson

USFWI 2023-24 reading list

www.barclaypressbookstore.com/USFWI-2023-24

growth & challenge					
	The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak Shannon Bream \$27.00	The 40-Day Feast Wendy Speake \$18.00	Praying the Scriptures for Your Adult Children Jodie Berndt \$19.00	Live in Grace, Walk in Love Bob Goff \$27.00	A Journey Through Grief, Loss, Hope, and Recovery Deb King \$20.00
					
	The Orchard Beverly Lewis \$18.00	Chasing Shadows Lynn Austin \$17.00	A Changing Light Edith Maxwell \$15.00	The Stranger in the Lifeboat Mitch Albom \$19.00	
					
	Quakerism: The Basics Margery Post Abbott and Carl Abbott \$23.00	Following Alan Amavisca \$20.00	Messages to Meetings Brian Drayton \$15.00	An Invitation to Quaker Eldering Elaine Emily and Mary Kay Glazer \$25.00	
biography					
	American Familia David A. Morales \$17.00	A Sea Between Us Yosely Pereira with Billy Ivey \$18.00	The Cabin at the End of the Train Michael V. Ivanov \$15.00		



JAMAICA

Vacation Bible School
July 24 – Aug 4, 2023



WANTED: Volunteers & supplies!

Supplies Needed:

- Washcloths – 300
- Pens – 300
- Notepads - 300
- Small soap, shampoo – 300 each
- Toothpaste, toothbrush – 300 each

Volunteers Needed:

If you have ever thought about serving in Jamaica, this could be the year! Our Jamaican Young Friends are ready and willing to serve but need help and encouragement. We will be providing VBS at 9 meetings in 8 days. Cost: \$1,200 which covers all expenses. Please contact Brent/Brenda McKinney with any questions (336) 374-4472 or dbmckinney@surry.net

Theme:

“So, let’s strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up” (Romans 14:19)

Curriculum:

“Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God” (Cokesbury Curriculum)

FUM
UPDATE

FUM Sustainability Project



Maize is growing at the Ambwere Farm Sustainability Project in Kenya.

QUAKERS IN HISTORY

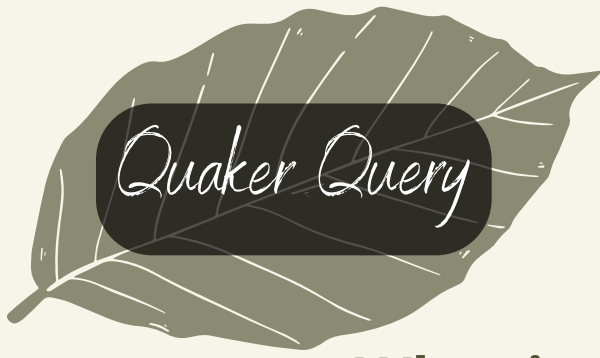
Chilson, Hole & Hotchkiss

1902

IN 1902 North American Quaker missionaries Arthur Chilson, Edgar Hole, and Willis Hotchkiss first set foot on East African soil, settling on a cool, quiet, 1,010-acre piece of wooded land at a place known as Kaimosi. They were soon followed by Emory and Deborah Rees, who arrived by way of war-torn South Africa. Trained at Cleveland Bible Institute (now Malone University), the five were the first of many who came to Kenya from the Midwest over the next decade.

The Reeses set about transforming oral literature into written language, helping translate the Bible and English hymns into local languages and dialects. With a vision to educate and train as well as evangelize, in the next decades, Quaker missionaries founded girls' and boys' high schools, hospitals, a Bible institute, an agricultural school, a teacher training school, and a technological institute.

Tap [HERE](#) to read the full story!



...for May



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...

- **Where has God shown Himself faithful in your life this season?**
- **Think of a painful experience that God has worked out for good in your life, and reflect on God's goodness in this situation. Thank Him.**

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

Social Media

"BOOST YOUR POST"

Does your Meeting hold an annual BBQ for the community? Or maybe they put on an Easter play every spring. How about fund raisers or youth events each quarter?

If you answered "yes", you may be wondering how to reach a larger audience beyond your immediate church family. The good news is, if you have Facebook page it's possible... not only possible, but EASY!

The days of knocking on doors and stapling flyers to telephone polls is past. Here, let me show you how...



Tap [HERE](#) or on the video above to learn more. In about 10 minutes Brooke Miles shares HOW to boost Facebook posts and how to create attractive looking content to attract the community to your page. Make sure your Social Media Committee at your Meeting sees this in time to boost your Meeting's next big event!

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.

For more information, click [HERE](#)



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for Margaret Stowers (Friends Church in Galax, VA) as she has advanced breast cancer and is now dealing with shingles as well. She is experiencing intense pain.

Continue to pray for Jenny Gullion to heal from a blood clot in her leg

Praise:

Praise God for walking with us in every season. For His comfort and Peace that passes all understanding; even in the midst of trouble and pain.



March & April

RECAP

Friends Disaster Services Trip





QLC Flashlight Egg Hunt

Quaker Lake Camp hosted nearly 130 elementary-aged children for its annual Flashlight Egg Hunt on Saturday! The event was led by this year's Summer Camp Staff, year-round staff, and lots of volunteers. The evening included crafts, games, pizza, and a devotion before the actual egg hunt began after dark. Glow sticks and flashlights lit the way to the couple of thousand eggs hidden around the property. To see more, [TAP HERE](#) to check out Quaker Lakes Facebook page







Women's Retreat at QLC

Participants in the 2023 QLC Women's Retreat enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship that included worship, games, and the opportunity to select classes of interest. Among the options were classic QLC offerings like Alpine Tower, camp crafts, hiking and ceramics. Other options included cooking classes, painting, chimes, yoga, and line dancing. Over 70 women took part in the event held March 4, and it was led by more than a dozen year-round staff, summer staff, and volunteers. To see more, [TAP HERE](#) to check out Quaker Lakes Facebook page









Unafraid Youth Retreat 2023







Midyear Conference 2023



Visit to Kernersville Friends

Mike Wall was able
to visit with
Kernersville Friends
on March 12, 2023



Visit to Hood Swamp Friends

Mike Wall was able to
visit with
Hood Swamp Friends
on April 23, 2023



Visit to Bethel Friends

Mike Wall was able
to visit with
Bethel Friends on
March 5, 2023



Easter at Concord Friends

Concord Friends hosted their first Community Easter Egg Hunt along with Sumner Civitan on April 1st. We had a great turnout despite the rainy weather!



Concord members participated by providing the candy, prizes, stuffing and hiding eggs, running the bingo games, manning the prize table, face painting, sharing the Easter story through resurrection eggs, and helping the participants with various crafts. Fun was had by all ages! We hope to make this an annual event.

