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WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!

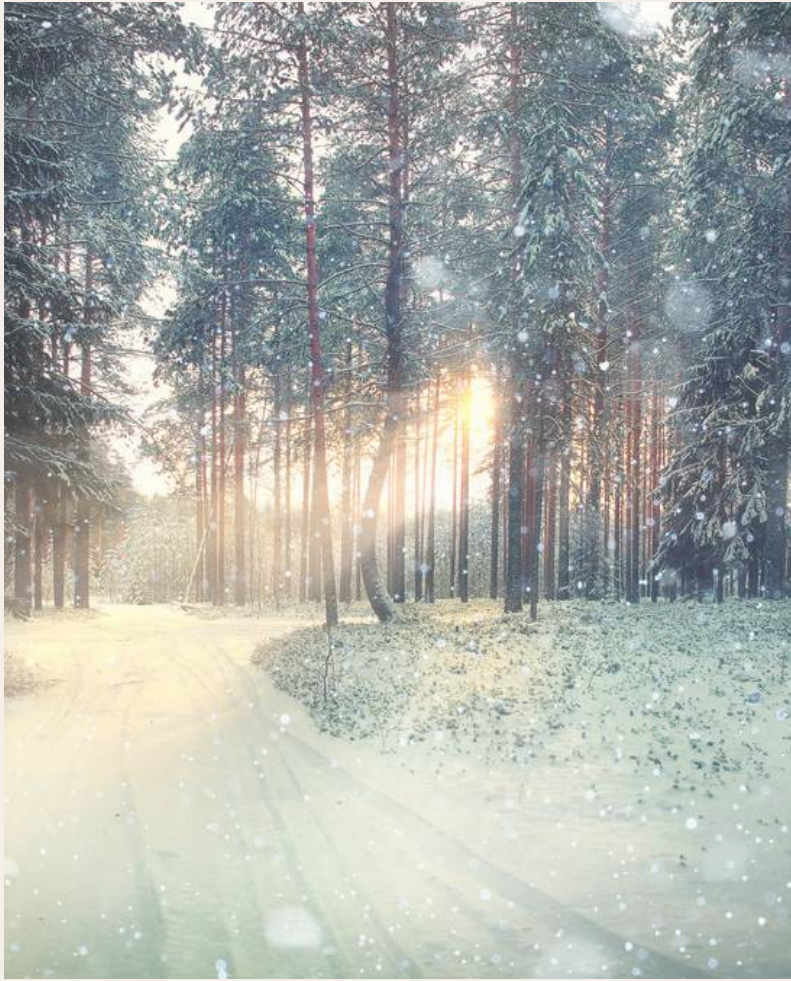
This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date on current events within FCNC.

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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“LOVE IS THE HARDEST LESSON IN CHRISTIANITY;
BUT FOR THAT REASON IT SHOULD BE MOST OUR
CARE TO LEARN IT.”

-WILLIAM PENN

”

“ Food For Thought”

By: Mark Coblentz

Business Owner & Author

Walnut Creek, Ohio

“RUDE.
THE MOOD THAT
SAVES TIME”



’ So whatever you wish that others would
do to you, do also to them..’

-Matthew 7:12

Rudeness. It stretches from short and snappy to the indifference of a cold shoulder. It doesn't need words to convey its message. It sends all sorts of signals but at the front of the pack is a simple, "You're not worth it."

Rudeness has a level of efficiency that is admirable. It cuts unwanted interruptions close to zero. If we have a space we own, like an office, a man cave or a kitchen, people warn each other about not entering when we are in our "rude mood".

What will we do with all that time that we save?

Take an extra week of vacation so that we can be rude to those close to us?

Because it's so effective, the allure of rudeness tempts us to be rude in return. Now we add a layer of stupidity to our selfishness. It's rude to think that we can out-rude rudeness.

This is why Jesus had to tell us about the golden rule. Whether our rudeness is intentional or it's a result of poor training, neither is excusable. Our lack of "other awareness" impacts our relationships. Only as we internalize this impact will we make changes that make others feel cared for.

The golden rule is about more than being nice to each other; it's the core of love. Putting ourselves in the shoes of someone else is exactly why Jesus came to this earth.

He put himself in my place; it cost him his life.

Rudeness puts them in their place. The golden rule puts us in their place. It's not a matter of our perception; the receiver's opinion matters most.



Upcoming Events:

DON'T FORGET TO
REACH OUT WITH
UPCOMING EVENTS TO
ADD TO THE FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER!

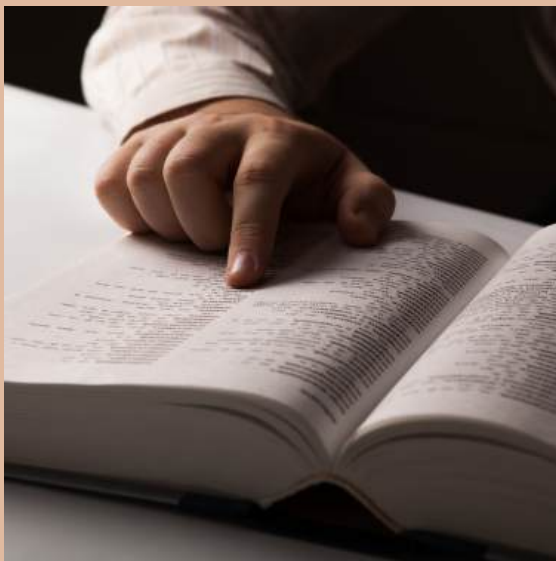


Announcements:



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](#)

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 commensurate with education and experience.

*Persons interested in this position should send resume in PDF to:

dallasavestala@yahoo.com

Dallas Brooks, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel
Rocky River Friends Meeting

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

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

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



Board Shares FUM's Message to the World



Every person is worthy and loved by God. FUM is a global partnership connected through God to uplift and serve those in need. God intends for our world to flourish, and God intends for all of us to flourish. Improve people's lives, education, health care—neighbor-loving business. Jesus Christ calls everyone to work together to promote peace, education, food security, in a Spirit-led community. Love God and love your neighbor. Recognizing that of God in everyone, we seek to respond to basic human needs in ways that are energizing, equipping, and encouraging. Share God's love and light through various ministries and people, programs and people.

[CLICK HERE to read more!](#)

Meet our Missions *Ramallah Friends School*



In 1869, a 15-year old Palestinian girl named Miriam Karam mustered up the courage to ask two Quaker visitors to Ramallah, Eli and Sybil Jones, to start a girl's school in the area. At that time, no education program existed for women in this region. Before long, a medical mission and boarding school for girls was in place. By 1902, a similar boarding school for boys was created by Friends.

[CLICK HERE to read more!](#)

Excerpts from:
Some Fruits of
SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living

By: William Penn



Quotes on
"Religion":

477- "For as men in battle are continually in the way of shot, so we, in this world, are ever within the reach of temptation. And herein do we serve God, if we avoid what we are forbid, as well as do what he commands."

478- "God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil, than in many formal prayers."

479- "This is but twice or thrice a day; but that every hour and moment of the day. So much more is our continual watch, than our evening and morning devotion."

480- "Wouldest thou then serve God? Do not that alone, which thou wouldest not that another should see the do."

FCNC BOOKSTORE HIGHLIGHTS

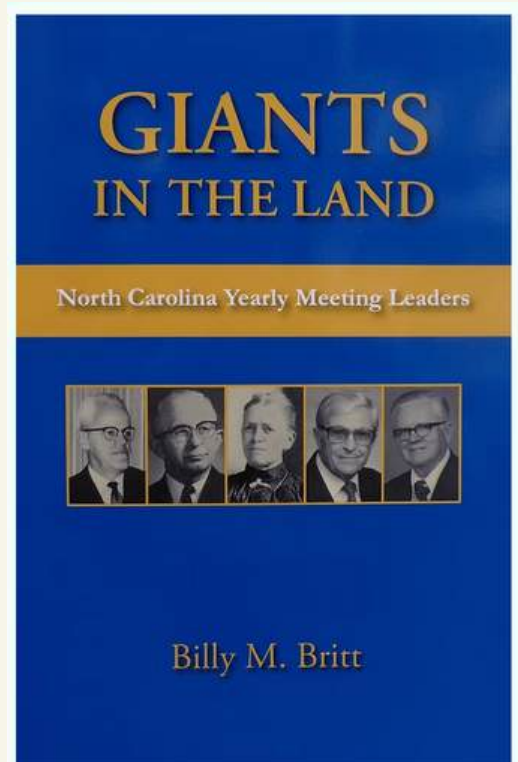
In this portion of the newsletter we will highlight books that can be purchased through the FCNC online bookstore! A link will be provided where you may purchase your own copy and add to your library at home!

Giants in the Land: North Carolina Yearly Meeting Leaders

By: Billy M. Britt

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

Former North Carolina Yearly Meeting Superintendent Billy M. Britt tells the stories of seventeen North Carolina Yearly Meeting leaders who are no longer living.





Quaker Query

...for January



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 you take your right share in the service of meetings, realising they are essential for the support and development of our corporate concerns? Do you carry out discipline, when advisable, in a sensitive and Christian manner?

[-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@friendchurchnc.org



December

RECAP

Visit to Science Hill

Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Science Hill Friends on December 7th 2025
He stated that it was a very encouraging Meeting!



Candle Light at QLC

“God showed off with a gorgeous sunset for QLC's Christmas Candlelight Service on December 7. Around 100 people enjoyed the evening of fellowship, music and reflection to kickoff the Christmas season.”- [QLC Facebook page](#)

