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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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“TAKE HEED, DEAR FRIENDS,
TO THE PROMPTINGS
OF LOVE AND TRUTH
IN YOUR HEARTS,
WHICH ARE THE LEADINGS
OF GOD.”
“ADVICES” 1964

”

A Word of Devotion:

GENEROSITY & JOY

By: Sheridan Voysey

1 Chronicles 29:1-9



‘ The people rejoiced at the willing response
of their leaders, for they had given freely
and wholeheartedly to the Lord.

-1 Chronicles 29:9’

SOME INSIGHT FOR OUR DEVOTIONAL:

In addition to David inviting the people to give toward the construction of the temple, 1 Chronicles 29 also shows him passing the throne on to Solomon, whom the people accept as their new king (vv. 21–28). David’s life, as well as his rule, was marked by bloody conflict, but Solomon—whose name comes from the Hebrew word for “peace”—would have a very different kind of rule. The “golden age” of Solomon would see Israel attain an unprecedented prosperity and influence as the wisdom of the king gained renown throughout the ancient Near East. Additionally, Solomon’s reign was marked by extensive building projects, including the temple and his own palace (constructed over some thirteen years).

Researchers tell us there’s a link between generosity and joy: those who give their money and time to others are happier than those who don’t. This has led one psychologist to conclude, “Let’s stop thinking about giving as a moral obligation, and start thinking of it as a source of pleasure.”

While giving can make us happy, I question whether happiness should be the goal. If we’re only generous to people or causes that make us feel good, what about the more difficult or mundane needs requiring our support?

Scripture links generosity with joy too, but on a different basis. After giving his own wealth toward building the temple, King David invited the Israelites to also donate (1 Chronicles 29:1–5). The people responded generously, giving gold, silver, and precious stones joyously (vv. 6–8). But notice what their joy was over: “The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord” (v. 9,) Scripture never tells us to give because it will make us happy but to give willingly and wholeheartedly to meet a need. Joy often follows.

As missionaries know, it can be easier to raise funds for evangelism than for administration because believers in Jesus like the feeling of funding frontline work. Let’s be generous toward other needs as well. After all, Jesus freely gave Himself to meet our needs (2 Corinthians 8:9).





Upcoming Events:

**MAY 3RD 2025
USFW SPRING CONFERENCE
AT QLC BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM**

**MAY 17TH, 2025
"TIME TO TALK" EVENT
WITH TOMMY SLUDER
AT 9AM
(MORE INFO BELOW)**

**JUNE 6-8 2025
STOKING THE FIRE CONFERENCE
[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION
[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER**

**JUNE 7, 2025
QLC 75 YEAR CELEBRATION
[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER
& TO SEE MORE INFORMATION.**

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

JUNE 2025 MISSION SUNDAY

WHEN IS MISSIONS SUNDAY?

YOU CAN CHOOSE ANY SUNDAY THAT WORKS
BEST FOR YOUR MEETING BUT WE ARE
TARGETING JUNE 29TH FOR THOSE WHO
WOULD LIKE A SUGGESTED DATE. PLEASE
SEND CHECKS TO FCNC, WITH MISSIONS ON
THE MEMO LINE, MAIL TO THE FCNC YEARLY
MEETING OFFICE:

PO BOX 4240, ARCHDALE, NC 27263



If you have any announcements

Let us know at 
jenny@friendschurchn.org

****Attention Committee Members****

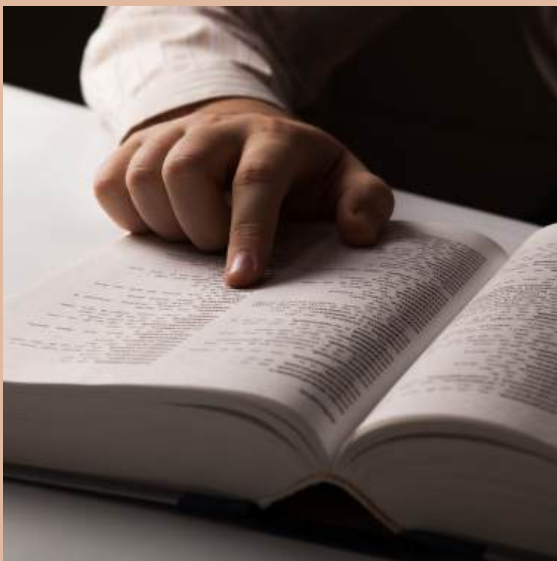
Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

Announcements:



REMINDER

Directory *still available!*

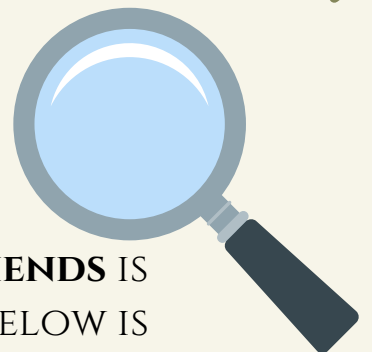


There was a possible data breach in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

paul@friendschurchnc.org

[Log in HERE](#)

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.

Youth Leader Position Opening



Concord Friends Meeting has an opening for a part time youth leader. [TAP HERE](#) to see more information on this position

POSITION FILLED!!



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Science Hill Friends Meeting

ALVIN BATTLE HAS ACCEPTED THE CALL TO SERVE AS INTERIM PASTOR UNTIL ANDY GARNER IS TO BECOME OUR FULL TIME PASTOR IN AUGUST!



IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor
Centre Friends Meeting

325 HWY 62 E
Greensboro, NC

Centre Friends Meeting is searching for a full time Pastor. Check out the Pastor job description on their website.

<https://www.centrefriends.org>

Send resume to:
Centre Friends Meeting Ministry and Counsel
Attn: Julie Hatchel, Clerk
PO Box 632
Randleman, NC 27317
julie@asheborolawyer.com

POSITION FILLED!!

OOPS!!

A mistake was made in the April edition of the Newsletter. Centre Friends has NOT filled their Pastor position, but rather has filled their part time YOUTH Pastor position.



**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



The Quaker organizations Right Sharing of World Resources is hiring a [Director of Community Development](#). We are looking for a trainer or facilitator with cross-cultural and management experience who is called to partner with women in improving their lives. Remote, full-time. Open until filled.

The Quaker organization Right Sharing of World Resources is hiring an [Executive Assistant](#). We are looking for a detail-oriented person who likes to improve administrative systems; who enjoys working independently and as part of a team; who wants to contribute to global equity. Remote, 28 hours/week.



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



Partnering with women in Guatemala, India,
Kenya and Sierra Leone



www.randlemanfriendsmeeting.com
523 High Point Street | Randleman, NC 27317
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 80

Acceptance: Ecumenical, Caring, Friendships.

FCNC Missions Sunday

The Missions Committee of Friends Church of North Carolina contributes to many ministries, including missionaries, Friends' Meetings in underprivileged areas, and the ministries of Friends United Meeting. What we do depends on you!

Our "Missions Sunday" is the largest fundraiser that we have each year, but many meetings do not participate. A BIG thanks to those Meetings and Individuals that have supported this fundraiser in the past. This year we would like to see participation from all Meetings. Even the smallest donations will help. We learn about the widow's offering in Mark chapter 12. The widow did not refrain from giving because she only had two small coins; no, we know that that Jesus will bless all that is given to do His work.

Missions Sunday is a special day for Meetings to give attention to our Missions through corporate prayer. We also ask that a special collection be taken to support the Missions of our Yearly Meeting. 100% of the money raised will go to these programs.

You can:

- Pray for the missionaries and ministries.
- Give financial support
- Go on a mission trip, VBS, work group, etc.
- Grow your knowledge with newsletters
- Participate in FCNC Missions Committee
- Get the word out to other Friends

Ministries supported by FCNC

-Jamaica Yearly Meeting
-Matamoros, Mexico Missions
-Belize Boys School and Church
-Friends Center in Alabama (formerly MOWA)
-Friends Campus Ministry
-Africa – Friends Theological College, Lugulu Hospital, Turkana and Samburu missions
-Middle East – Ramallah Friends School
-Bob & Hope Carter (Ministries in Africa)
-Mesquakie Friends Church, Iowa
-Kickapoo Friends Center, Oklahoma
-Cuba Friends
-Bolivia-Friends International Bilingual Center
-FUM Pandemic Relief
-Quaker Lake
-FEMAP

Due to the recent termination of funds from USAID, Lugulu hospital and Ramallah Friends School have been greatly impacted. Lugulu Hospital was forced to cease clinic services to over 2,900 patients and dismiss clinic staff. We would like to be able to give more support to these important programs and help these people in desperate need but we need your help. Please pray for these programs and the people involved.

When is Missions Sunday?

You can choose any Sunday that works best for your Meeting but we are targeting June 29th for those who would like a suggested date. Please send checks to FCNC, with Missions on the memo line, mail to the FCNC Yearly Meeting Office, PO Box 4240, Archdale, NC 27263.

STOKING

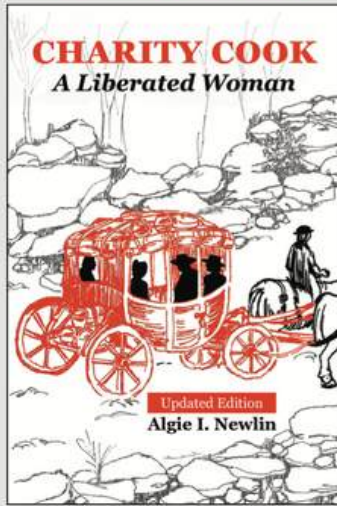
the FIRE

JUNE

6, 7, + 8

Lev 6:12: Nurturing the Sacred Flame

NEW for 2025!



**CHARITY COOK
A Liberated Woman
Updated Edition**

Author: Algie I. Newlin
Pages: 232
Price: \$25.00
ISBN: 978-0-942585-21-6

For Review Copy:

Contact Rausie Hobson at quip@rtelco.net

To Purchase:

Visit www.ncfhs.org/product/charity-cook-a-liberated-woman
or scan the QR code below.



Explore the remarkable life of Charity Cook in this updated edition of Algie I. Newlin's book, first published in 1981 and available once again after being out of print for many years.

A backwoods country woman, Charity Cook rose in the 18th century to become one of the foremost traveling ministers holding the Society of Friends (Quakers) together in what was becoming a new nation. She traveled on horseback to minister to meetings and families from Carolina to Massachusetts.

Later, she did the same in England, traveling on a ship boarded by pirates, and in Ireland, where she nearly died from smallpox. Crossing the channel to France and Germany, she and her companions came close to being arrested as spies during the 100 Years War.

Charity Cook was a courageous woman who had the faith, boldness, and family support necessary to be liberated, freed, from the traditional married woman's role more than 200 years ago.

This book is of special interest to:

- ▶ Quakers residing in the many locations where Charity Cook lived and ministered, including South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, and Indiana, as well as England, Ireland, France, and Germany.
- ▶ Genealogy and other researchers, who will benefit from an updated edition, with index.
- ▶ All who are interested in the story of this pioneering minister, who was a liberated woman long before the term was coined.

About the author

Algie I. Newlin, a professor of history for 42 years at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC, and the author of six books, published the first version of *Charity Cook: A Liberated Woman* several years before his death in 1985. In addition to his credentials as a historian, Newlin also was an active Quaker whose interest in Charity Cook was sparked in part by a personal connection: she was the great-great-grandmother of his wife, Eva Miles Newlin.

ITS TIME TO TALK!

ALL ELDERS, ALL PASTORS

**Join us for a time of real
conversation about our future!**

**CENTRE FRIENDS
325 NC 62 E
Greensboro, NC 27406**

**May 17, 2025
9:00 am**

**RSVP PLEASE
Tommy Sluder - 336-580-0947**



Additional book information:

This is a new typesetting and includes an index ... nonfiction biography of a Charity Cook, Quaker minister, mother of eleven children, who traveled in the late 1700s through East Coast US, Ohio and Indiana as well as England, Ireland, France and Germany.

Attached is a flyer that has the order/purchase information. I have also included the QR code and jpg of the cover ... for use in bulletins, FB type pages and local newsletters, etc.

Click [HERE](#) to order your copy today!

(Beth Saunders will fill these orders, as she does for sales of other NCFHS publications).



A Prayer from Palestine



From Ramallah, Kelly Kellum writes:

As the Friends pastoral care team is leaving Palestine today (April 13), I offer this prayer:

God of Hope,

I come before you, my heart heavy yet strangely full, as I stand on this ancient and sacred land of Palestine during a time of profound struggle. The echoes of fighter jets overhead are a stark reminder of the conflict that shadows daily life. The news of young lives lost pierces my soul, each story a fresh wound. I have heard the sirens of hurried ambulances in Ramallah, alerting me to the urgent needs of your people. I have seen the persistent encroachment of settlers, taking lands and olive trees that do not belong to them. I have listened to the stories of people living under the weight of injustice, their resilience a quiet miracle.

[CLICK HERE to read more!](#)

Meet our Missions Belize



Historically, FUM's work in Belize focused primarily on providing a second-chance education option for urban at-risk youth on the verge of failing within their school system. Founded by Sadie Vernon in 1994, the Belize Friends School gives boys and girls the encouragement, tools and instruction needed to succeed, all within a loving, Christian environment. Now under the leadership of Belizean educators, the school continues to impact the lives of students and their families.

[CLICK HERE for more information](#)

Excerpts from:
Some Fruits of
SOLITUDE

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



Quotes on
"Religion":

457- "A Minister of the Gospel ought to be one of Christ's making, if he would pass for one of Christ Ministers."

458- "And if he be one of his making, he knows and does as well as believes."

459- "That minister who's life is not the model of his doctrine, is a Babler rather than a preacher; a quack rather than a physician of value."

460- "Of old time they were made ministers by the Holy Ghost: and the more that is an ingredient now, the fitter they are for that work."

NEW

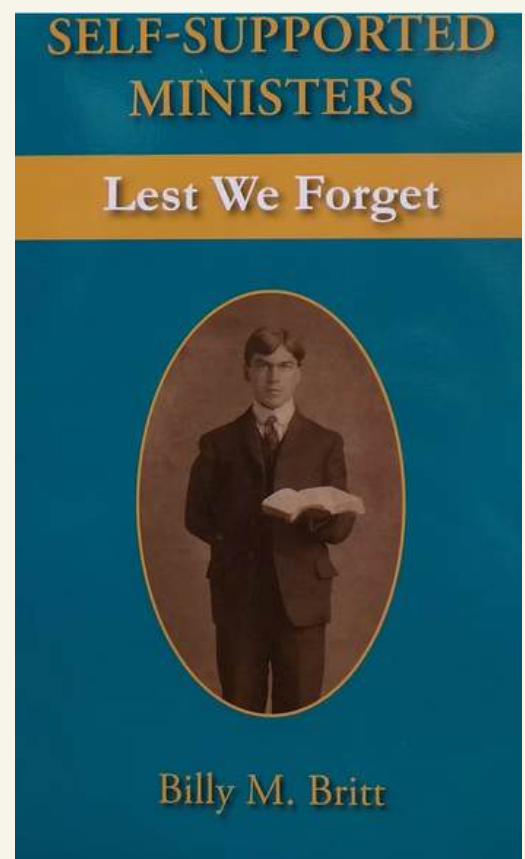
FCNC BOOKSTORE
HIGHLIGHTS

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!

Self-Supported Ministers:
Lest We Forget
By: Billy Britt

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

In the pages of this book, former North Carolina Yearly Meeting Superintendent Billy M. Britt introduces you to forty-three faithful servants who responded to the call of the Holy Spirit to "feed my children." These are pastors of an earlier generation, who often worked long hours in other vocations to support their families and spent their "free" time ministering to Friends.





Quaker Query

...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...

Are you honest in your daily work and in all your personal relationships? Do you maintain integrity in your dealings with government authorities and other outward concerns? Do you guard against covetousness, remembering that the quality of life does not depend on the abundance of possessions? Do you seek to discern how much of your time, talents and resources you should devote to the service of others?

[-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:

Don't hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can pray for you!

- Individual needs
- Meeting needs
- Social concerns
- Spiritual Concerns

Nothing is too big or too small for God!

jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Praise:

Praise God for our Hope in Him

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalm 33:18-22 ESV

April RECAP

Harmony Grove Friends

“Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Harmony Grove Friends on April 13, 2025 where the Cranberry Creek Bluegrass Band played and sang for the congregation.”



Easter Sunday at Mar Mac Friends

Lisa Herring, Clerk of Mar Mac Friends Meeting, brings the Easter Sunday message.



Visit to Branon Friends Meeting

"Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Branon Friends Meeting on April 13, 2025"

