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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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“WHEN WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR, AND BE HEARD BY, SOMEONE WE LOVE, WE DO NOT GO RUSHING INTO NOISY CROWDS. SILENCE IS A FORM OF INTIMACY. THAT’S HOW WE EXPERIENCE IT WITH OUR FRIENDS AND LOVERS. AS RELATIONSHIPS GROW DEEPER AND MORE INTIMATE, WE SPEND MORE AND MORE QUIET TIME ALONE WITH THEM. WE TALK IN LOW TONES ABOUT THE THINGS THAT MATTER. WE DO NOT SHOUT THEM TO EACH OTHER. WE MAY SHOUT ABOUT THEM TO OTHERS, BUT QUIETNESS IS THE HALLMARK OF LOVE.”

-J. BRENT BILL, HOLY SILENCE:
THE GIFT OF QUAKER SPIRITUALITY.

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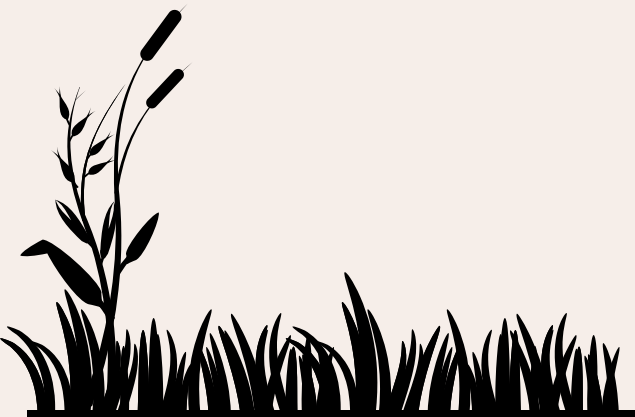
‘ Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident. One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple ‘

-Psalm 27: 3-4

A Word of Devotion:

DEFIANT JOY IN THE FACE OF FALSE ACCUSATION

By: David Schmus



Have you ever been falsely accused? I believe this may be one of the most difficult trials a person can face. In my experience, most of my trials are self-inflicted. I can often trace at least partial causation of many challenges I experience back to my own mistakes, weaknesses...and, in fact, sin.

But we know from Scripture (and our own experience) that trials arise from at least two other places: the fallen world we live in (Eph 2:2) and our spiritual enemy who seeks to “sift us like wheat” (Luke 22:31). Sometimes that sifting comes in the form of a false accusation that can cost us dearly.

Where I live in California, as you certainly know (we’re kind of famous for them), we experience regular earthquakes. I find that false accusations are a lot like earthquakes. You don’t see them coming. You can’t prevent them. You certainly can’t control them. And they are deeply unsettling. It’s hard to explain how unnerving it is to have the earth move under your feet—something that is supposed to be the very definition of stable, secure, and solid is now trying to kill you. Earthquakes can have lingering emotional effects on us as a result. Likewise, false accusations cut deeply across our sense of justice and fairness. We are seen by others as guilty when we are not, bearing unjust stigma and shame. We may lose friends, jobs, and reputations all on the word of an accuser who gave in to darkness in a moment of temptation.

I was captivated by a story about a falsely accused pastor named Ganesh that I read recently in the book *Lead with Prayer* by Skoog, Greer, and Doolittle. Ganesh is an extraordinary church planter and rescuer of trafficked girls in Nepal. His work in several cities has been so effective that brothels have shut down and many of his rescued girls have become church planters themselves.

However, a leader who was jealous of Ganesh’s success paid a few girls to accuse him of abuse. As a result, donations dried up and his name was in the national news as an abuser. Due to this and other stresses, Ganesh began having heart problems. So he played the only string he had—prayer.

Ganesh followed Jesus’ example and went to a mountain to pray for a couple days. In these focused, intense days of prayer, God gave Ganesh something he calls “defiant joy.” It seems impossible to have joy in a moment like the one Ganesh experienced, but he had such assurance of God’s provision and redemption that he felt defiant joy well up in his soul. “Joy,” Ganesh says with a spark in his eyes, “is the Christian’s act of defiance in the face of tough times”.

As a result of the subsequent investigation, the girls confessed to being paid to make the false accusations, the jealous leader wrote a public apology, and Ganesh’s name was cleared in the media. He was even given an award for his service. The news coverage led to greater public awareness of his work, and as a result “the government granted land rights to a low caste for the first time in 300 years.” This experience was a turning point for Ganesh—he now goes to that same mountain for a day of prayer every month.

Wow. When God does victory, He really does it. But notice that the first victory came in Ganesh’s heart as he surrendered to God and emerged with defiant joy. Let’s pray that we can emerge with defiant joy in the Lord when faced with the attempts of our enemy to sift us like wheat.



Upcoming Events:

YOUNG FRIENDS YOUTH CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 10-12, 2025
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/15/25
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)
[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER ONLINE
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE FLYER

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

PIG PICKIN'
@ BETHEL FRIENDS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH 2025
11 AM- 6PM
(SEE FLYER BELOW)

FCNC REP BODY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 2025
9:30 AM COFFEE & SNACKS
10 AM BUSINESS

CHICKEN STEW & HAYRIDE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 2025
CONCORD FRIENDS
5:30 PM
(SEE FLYER BELOW)

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NEWS

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

If you have any announcements

Let us know at
jenny@friendschurchno.org

****Attention Committee Members****

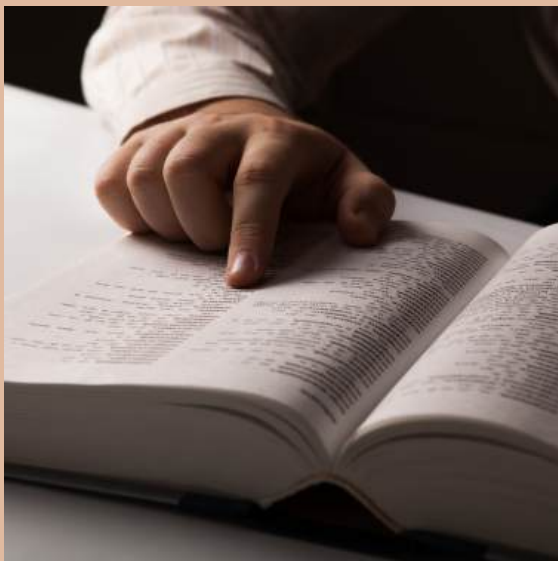
Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

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](#)

CONCORD FRIENDS CHICKEN STEW & HAY RIDE

Location: Holly Ridge Gold Links

Date: Saturday, November 1st 2025

Time: 5:30PM

Notes: Hotdogs and desserts will also be served.

Bring your lawn chair and join us for a fun evening of fellowship!



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



RELENTLESS GRACE

RIDGECREST
OCT. 10-12, 2025

REGISTRATION
OPENS AUG. 11
\$20 BY SEPT. 15



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FCNC REP BODY

Saturday, October 25th 2025
White Plains Friends Meeting
9:30am Coffee & Snacks
10am Business
Lunch on your own

DELICIOUS
BARBECUE
FOR OVER
50 YEARS



BETHEL FRIENDS MEETING
PIG PICKIN'
OCTOBER 18, 2025

Serving 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Pulled Pork Barbecue with
Bethel's Famous BBQ Sauce
Pintos • Slaw • Hushpuppies
\$12.00 Per Plate

2519 BETHEL FRIENDS ROAD • ASHEBORO

**DRIVE THRU
TAKE OUT ONLY**

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



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

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



Indiana Meetings Create Friends Immigrant Solidarity Network



Friends in Richmond, Indiana, have begun efforts to accompany immigrants in their community. In Spring, 2025, a group of concerned Quakers from the Friends Meetings in Richmond—First Friends Richmond, West Richmond Friends Church, and Clear Creek Friends Meeting, as well as Friends from Iglesia Amigos de Richmond—gathered to discuss their concern for the safety of immigrants in their area and expressed a desire to accompany the immigrant community at this political moment when immigration and immigrants are under attack. During these early meetings, a steering committee was appointed to shape the vision and direction of the Friends Immigrant Solidarity Network group. The steering committee began their work with two questions: Who we are? And why do we do what we do?

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more!

Meet our Missions *Turkana Friends Mission*



The Turkana people are semi-nomadic animal herders who are particularly vulnerable to drought and food insecurity, as well as to violent conflict with neighboring people-groups. Only 3% of Turkana adults have a secondary school education.

Turkana County in northwest Kenya is a desert landscape. As part of their daily life, girls and women walk great distances to fetch water. One priority of the Turkana Friends Mission is providing access to water through boreholes, tanks, and biosand water filters. Once water becomes accessible in a community, girls can pursue education at school. The Mission operates three primary schools and four nursery schools.

[Click HERE to learn more!](#)

Excerpts from:
Some Fruits of
SOLITUDE

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



Quotes on
"Religion":

481- "Don't take God's name in vain, or disobey thy parents, or wrong thy neighbor, or commit adultery, even in thine heart."

482- "Neither be vain, lascivious, proud, drunken, revengeful or angry: nor lie, detract, backbite, over-reach, oppress, deceive or betray: but watch vigorously against all temptations to these things; as knowing that God is present, the overseer of all the ways and most inward thoughts and the avenger of his own law upon the disobedient, and thou wilt acceptably serve God."

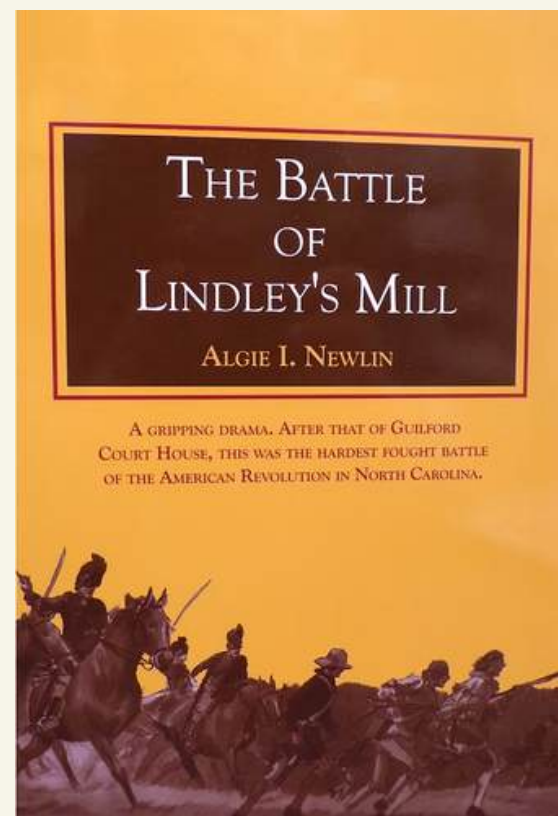
FCNC BOOKSTORE HIGHLIGHTS

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!

The Battle of Lindley's Mill
By: Algie I. Newlin

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

Newlin has written that the opposing leaders of the Battle of Lindley's Mill were well-matched. Colonel David Fanning headed a Loyalist regiment, and General John Butler was the commander of the Whigs. The bloody struggle, which took place six months after the Battle of Guilford Court House, was almost entirely a civil war between Whigs and Tories for control of North Carolina because no one engaged in the hard-fought conflict could have imagined that within a month Lord Cornwallis would surrender his army at Yorktown.





Quaker Query

...for October

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...

Is your meeting one to which all can feel a sense of belonging, taking their full share in its concerns and practical work? Do you as a meeting maintain a loving and watchful care over all who worship with you including those who are unable to attend?

[-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:

David Millikan, Pastor at Asheboro Friends requests your prayers.
He broke his left arm in multiple places, requiring surgery at Randolph hospital.

David was working with his ministry, "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" building beds for children who have no bed to sleep in, when he jumped off the back of a truck and didn't land well.

Praise:

Praise God for the family you have in Christ

**1 John 3:1
Romans 12:5
1 Corinthians 12:12**

September RECAP

Superintendent Visit to Kansas

"Last month I made a Superintendent visit to Friends Leadership Development in Wichita Kansas, and also to Barclay College to speak with students who may be interested in coming to work with FCNC." -Mike Wall



Sterling Brown, Youth Leader @ Cedar Square was also present

**Worship on Sunday morning
at Northridge Friends in Wichita**



Small Group Working session



John Harrell with Ministry Architects was our facilitator

Concord Friends Golf Tournament

Thank you for a successful golf tournament this year. Enjoy these pictures of the golfers, top 3 teams, and sponsors. This day on the course and your giving has allowed us to help the Humble family in their time of need. We had a great day! Hope to see you again in 2026.



NCFDS trip to New Bern

"We are having a very productive week. We are working on two different houses. We are painting, putting up siding, hanging doors, hanging kitchen cabinets, pouring concrete, building decks, and the families we are doing all this work for are extremely excited about the progress. One of the ladies is 92 years old and said this was the highlight of her life."

-Posted on NCFDS Facebook during their recent trip

[CLICK HERE to see more and follow their work!](#)

