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# *BEARING FRUIT*

The Official Newsletter of Friends Church North Carolina

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to your new 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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I SHALL PASS THROUGH THIS WORLD BUT ONCE. ANY GOOD, THEREFORE, THAT I CAN DO OR ANY KINDNESS I CAN SHOW TO ANY HUMAN BEING, LET ME DO IT NOW. LET ME NOT DEFER OR NEGLECT IT, FOR I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN.

~ William Penn, 1644-1718

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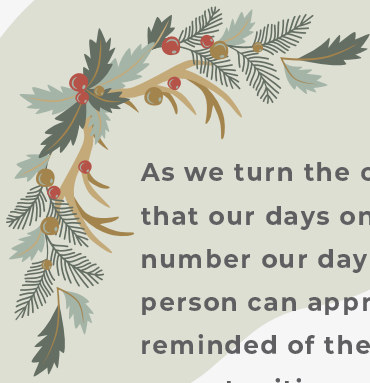
## A word of Devotion FOR THE NEW YEAR

By: Rusty Parsons

**Upon my high school graduation, 1974, I could not imagine the approaching new century, it was 26 years away. Now it is 2022. Where does time go, how does it pass so quickly? What will this New Year bring? How will I be changed by the living presence of our Savior and His word. What will impact my spiritual life for Christ this next year? To whom will I show the love of Christ?**

**Philippians 3:13, "Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead".**

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As we turn the calendar to a New Year, we come face to face with the fact that our days on earth are numbered. As the Psalmist wrote, "Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." No thoughtful person can approach New Years without some introspection. We are reminded of the brevity of time. We consider our struggles, missed opportunities, our mistakes and prepare to make some adjustments to make better use of our days in the New Year. We should take time to be more pleasant, understanding, resourceful and helpful to God, others, our community and church. Can we make a commitment to be more loving, kind and generous of our time? Psychiatrists tell us that most people are starved for connections or "love." People need people.

I was watching our grandchildren play with some toys they received at Christmas. When their toy was taken away by another child, their feelings were hurt. They did not seek love or affection from an inanimate object, they ran to an adult, Mommy or Daddy. They needed comfort, love, affection. Don't we all crave to be loved, appreciated and know that we belong.

I can recall times when I did not feel welcomed, wanted or appreciated, it does not leave a good impression. As individuals, as members of God's earthly Kingdom, let us become more kind, compassionate and giving of our time being the love of Christ and His grace. The world needs it and so do our family, friends, neighbors, church members and community. May the doors of your heart and mind be open to what lies ahead.



**\*\*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

## Upcoming Events:

### January 9th-14th

Friends Disaster Service work trip planned to eastern North Carolina

-If you are unable to assist physically, contribute by way of prayer!

Pray for safety, efficiency and for Holy Spirit guidance.

-For more info on how you can go with FDS, see "Announcements" on next page-

### January 21st-24th

Youth Workers Retreat at  
Ridgecrest Conference Center



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# Welcome Home

*to Allen And Juanita Bullard*



In February 2021, a need to help a fellow Friends pastor came to our attention. We learned that Allen and Juanita Bullard could use some help. Allen and Juanita were living in a travel trailer/RV on property belonging to their daughter, Angela. The RV was connected to a septic system for the old home place that used to belong to Juanita's parents. The RV was not meant to live in full time and was bought 3 years ago when Allen and Juanita had to move out of the parsonage at Liberty Friends. It was not suitable for them much longer. They had minimal income at the time and paying for the RV was taking most of their funds. We approached helping the Bullard family in a few ways...

1. Friends Disaster Service was not able to help because of the special nature of their "disaster" support. Several volunteers were ready to help, but the property for potential renovation was not a candidate.
2. We investigated any funds that FCNC or NCYM might have that could be used to help Allen and Juanita. There were no trust or accounts setup for this specific purpose.
3. We made the requests to local meetings served by the Allen and Juanita; Concord, Edward Hill, Liberty, Science Hill and now closed Spring Garden.
4. We made a general plea for help to FCNC, as people touched by their ministry were scattered and serving in a lot of areas.
5. We asked for prayer for this request. We prayed for God to do the work in hearts before the requests were made so that these two servants of God could get the help they needed and deserved.

The result was an outpouring of love and support. Individuals, meetings, quarters and FCNC all sent money to Allen and Juanita. One couple heard the need, and had a small rental home and offered it to Allen and Juanita. Allen and Juanita met with the couple, discussed the property and moved in to the rental home over the next 8 weeks or so. Allen and Juanita are so appreciative of the ministry of friends and Friends and the outpouring of love and support to them during their time of need. God is so good!

A special "thank you" to Greg Creed from Concord Friends for spearheading this outreach!





## Announcements:

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**NORTH CAROLINA DISASTER SERVICES IS PLANNING A BUILDING TRIP TO EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FROM JANUARY 9-14 2022. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GOING ON THIS TRIP, PLEASE TELL GARY DODSON; 336-495-6790 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO WE CAN COORDINATE THE MEALS AND SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE BAPTIST DISASTER GROUP.**

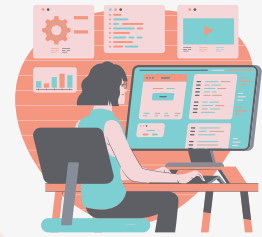
## *Intern Coordinator Position Update:*

The Intern Guidance Committee has met with **Terry Linthicum**, youth pastor of Marlboro Friends, and approved him as FCNC's Part-Time Intern Coordinator. The committee consists of Michael Fulp, Jr. representing the Outreach Committee, Paul Routh from Christian Education Committee, Jared Warden from Ministry and Counsel, Brenda McKinney from AOC, Tommy Sluder from the Minister's Association and Whitney Sluder as a volunteer and former intern under NCYM.

Terry has developed a packet of information with suggestions and recommendations from the committee. This packet details the type of internships available, an application and what's expected from the applicant. This packet also includes information for monthly meetings wishing to employ an intern and will be mailed soon.

FCNC is blessed to have the leadership and enthusiasm of Terry. The Intern Guidance Committee sees this as an opportunity to develop future pastors and church leaders.

# Does your Meeting need "Tech" help?



**Samantha Sprinkle**, a young adult who helps with the technology at **Archdale Friends** is willing to help Friends churches in FCNC become equipped or improve their technology outreach; website and or social media,. She has helped enhance Archdale Friends technology outreach, you can view what Archdale Friends publicizes by going to their website: [archdalefriends.com](http://archdalefriends.com), Archdale Friends Face Book page or watch a worship service on line. If your Church/Meeting is interested in contacting Samantha she can be reached at [Samatha.sprinkle@gmail.com](mailto:Samatha.sprinkle@gmail.com). She will explain how she might be able to assist you and share her fees.

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## *Ministers' Retreat* **2022**

Don't forget to sign up for our Ministers' Retreat in February. This will be a time of respite and fellowship among brothers and sisters. It has been a taxing couple of years for clergy all over and we wanted to spend some time together in the Spirit having conversation, praying, worshipping, and enjoying just a few days to recover.

If you sign up before January 7th you will receive a cheaper rate and save some money!

So don't wait, save the date!

(see next page for sign up sheet)



**PASTOR AND SPOUSES RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 21-24, 2022**

**THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER  
AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP, JUST AS YOU ARE DOING.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Occupancy (Before January 7, 2022: \$285.00 After January 7, 2022: \$300.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Occupancy (Before January 7, 2022: \$240.00 After January 7, 2022: \$255.00)  
(Cost per person. Please list the name of your roommate below.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Couples (Before January 7, 2022: \$480.00 After January 7, 2022: \$510.00)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (If Double Occ): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Diet Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Arrival Day & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to go to dinner at Fishy Fishy Café: Yes ☐ No ☐

**Please make all checks payable to:**

**FCNC Ministers' Association**

(Reference to Fort Caswell Retreat)

Mail the completed form and payment to:

**David Millikan**

**PO Box 987**

**Asheboro, NC 27204**

Additional Information or Questions: Cell (336) 689-4275 or email [dmillikan83057@gmail.com](mailto:dmillikan83057@gmail.com)





If you have any announcements

*Let us know at* ↓

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



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## Social Media- Did you know?



**What is "Canva" you ask?**

**Canva is the website that was used to make this Newsletter!**

**All of the colors and graphics, text and images were put together using**  
[www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com)

**Canva is a powerful tool that can help your Meeting create attractive bulletins, reports, slide shows, pamphlets, business cards, social media posts and yes... even newsletters.**

**You might be thinking it will be too difficult but I am happy to report that Canva is also user friendly!**

**Click on the link above and try it out for yourself! There are thousands of FREE graphics and templates. If you are wanting to unlock Canvas full potential for your meeting it will only cost \$12 per month for limitless creativity.**

**Quality graphics and viually appealing posts are such an important part of telling the story of your Meeting and attracting potential visitors. There is a whole video on the FCNC website explaining this. I'll link it [here](#)... click video #3**

**If you need help figuring Canva out, email me at [jenny@friendschurchnc.org](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org) and I'll be glad to help you out!**



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## *Candle Light at Quaker Lake*

To see more photos from QLC Candle Light Service click [HERE](#) and visit their Facebook page!













# Christmas Cake Kits

This year, the Outreach Team from Deep Creek Friends incorporated an outreach project into our Hanging of the Greens Service. To help our community, we decided to collect money to make cake kits for Yadkin Christian Ministries in honor and memory of those who are special to us. As a meeting, we raised \$635.00, allowing us to make 60 cake kits and to provide a \$200.00 donation. Thank you all so much for your contributions that made Christmas a little bit brighter for those in our community! To check it out Deep Creek Friends Facebook page, click [HERE](#)





# Miracle in a Barn

Across FCNC many Meetings came together during December to bring the Light of the Gospel to our communities. Some had Christmas plays, cantatas, caroling and even live Nativities. Centre Friends is one of those that had a live Nativity. Check out the pictures below! For more pictures and to keep up with what is happening at Centre Friends click [HERE](#)





# White (plains) Christmas

Another Meeting that participated in a live drive-through Nativity is White Plains Friends. Quaker Men helped prep the shelters while others lent their voices and acting abilities. One member brought his life long pet donkey, Festus, who absolutely stole the show! Over 50 car loads of people rolled through the parking lot and heard the Christmas story retold in live action. For more pictures or to see their Christmas play video and to keep up with what is happening at White Plains Friends click [HERE](#)



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