

BEARING FRUIT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FRIENDS CHURCH NC

WELCOME!

Welcome to your FCNC 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. Let us know if you have information that falls into these categories. Email information, pictures, or ideas to our Administrative Communications Coordinator, Monica Williams at: admincomms@friendschurchnc.org

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A DEVOTION FOR SEPTEMBER

We all face moments of uncertainty, discouragement, and stress in life. This month, we want to remind you of the promises of God in those times. There is hope, you are loved, and God will be with us always. We invite you to print this calendar to be reminded daily of the promises from our Savior, the promise keeper.

SEPTEMBER PROMISES OF GOD						
01 GOD WILL NEVER CHANGE Malachi 3:6	02 GOD IS AT WORK Philippians 2:13	03 GOD WILL GIVE YOU REST Psalm 23:2	04 GOD WILL PROVIDE Hebrews 13:20-21	05 GOD WILL BLESS YOU Numbers 6:24	06 GOD WILL DELIVER YOU Psalm 97:10	07 GOD CARES FOR YOU 1 Peter 5:7
08 GOD'S LOVE PERSEVERES 1 Corinthians 13:4-7	09 GOD'S PROMISES WILL NEVER FAIL Joshua 23:14	10 GOD WILL TEACH YOU Psalm 32:8	11 GOD WILL GIVE YOU PEACE 2 Thessalonians 3:16	12 GOD WORKS ON YOUR BEHALF Isaiah 64:4	13 GOD'S WORD WILL ENDURE FOREVER 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24	14 GOD GIVES NEW LIFE Colossians 3:3
15 GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU Hebrews 13:5	16 GOD IS CLOSE TO YOU Isaiah 43:2	17 GOD PREPARES A PLACE FOR YOU Matthew 25:34	18 GOD WILL CARRY YOU Isaiah 46:4	19 GOD HAS CANCELLED YOUR SIN Colossians 2:13-14	20 GOD HAS GOOD PLANNED FOR YOU Psalm 40:5	21 GOD WILL RESTORE YOU Psalm 23:3
22 GOD WILL BUILD YOU UP Jeremiah 24:6	23 GOD WILL STRENGTHEN YOU Isaiah 12:2	24 GOD HEARS OUR CRIES Psalm 40:1	25 GOD STAYS FAITHFUL 2 Timothy 2:13	26 GOD HAS SET YOU FREE Galatians 5:1	27 GOD'S MERCY IS EVERLASTING 1 Chronicles 16:34	28 GOD IS OUR SECURITY Proverbs 14:26
29 GOD WILL CARRY YOUR BURDENS Psalm 68:19	30 GOD WILL GIVE YOU WISDOM James 1:5					

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

13th

Goldsboro Friends Meeting
Homecoming
11am Worship
followed by a catered meal

18th

Concord Friends Annual Golf
Tournament

28th

Quaker Men's Fall Banquet
Marlboro Friends Meeting
Speaker: Alvin Battle
*ALL ages are encouraged to attend
5:58pm

October

4th

World Quaker Day!
Cane Creek Friends Homecoming &
275th Anniversary

11 - 16th

Friends Disaster Western NC Relief

17th

QLC Pumpkin Festival
2-6:30pm

November

6th & 7th

FCNC 9th Annual Sessions



2027 "Save the Date!"

March

6th

QLC Ladies Retreat

May

1st

USFW Spring Conference
QLC Golf Tournament

3rd

Quaker Men Spring Fling
at Cedar Square Friends

July

21st - 24th

FUM, QMI, USFWI Triennial

Garden of Prayer

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there to pray."

Matthew 26:36

How can we pray for you?

Prayer

Grace for new routines:

Pray for peace and smooth
adjustments as summer ends
and school, work schedules,
or cooler weather begin.

Praise

**Him for His steady mercies
& inner strength,**

that greet us every single
morning & help us handle
new challenges with a quiet
heart.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



From FCNC Nominating Committee

Many of you recently received an email from Roger Greene about your involvement on a committee. PLEASE respond to that email by 9/20.

Job Descriptions

Mar Mac Friends Meeting

Part-Time Pastor

Job Description [HERE](#)

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

Full-Time Pastor

Job Description [HERE](#)

Director of Student Ministries

Job Description [HERE](#)

\$ Budget Day \$

September 26th

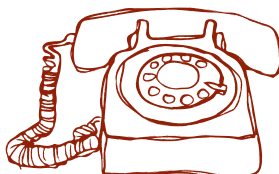
Cedar Square Friends

10am

Please make plans to attend

2026 FCM is kicking off!

If anyone in your Meeting has started college at or near any of our FCM Universities (ie NC State, UNCW, App State, or UNC) please reach out to Allie Hylton for information on how they can get connected & involved.
hyltonallie@gmail.com



Directory still available!

There was a possible data breach in our directory resulting in the password being changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh or Monica Williams to learn how to regain access.

[Log in HERE](#)

FCNC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Hi Friends! My name is Monica Fulp Williams, and I'm a fifth-generation Quaker from Forbush Friends Meeting. I live in East Bend, on what is still the original family farm that's been established by the Fulp for over 100 years. My husband, Paul, and I were married in November of 2014. Then in December of 2020 we welcomed our daughter, Mary Ruth. In addition to our human child, we have 5 cats (Jasper, Zoë, Maggie, MacGyver, & Cooper) and a tricolored Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named, Lucy Belle. We are contracted with Perdue Farms, and in the words of Mary, "have lots & LOTS of chickens."

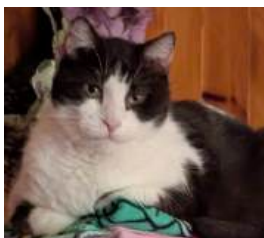


Many of you may already know me from my last few years serving as Chair of FCNC's Program Committee, which I'm happy to report that I will still be serving on that committee, just not in that specific role as Chair. At Forbush, I enjoy serving as the director of our Kingdom Kids, Assistant Choir Director, and as a Sunday School Teacher. Paul and I also volunteer at our local food bank, Yadkin Christian Ministries. We realize we are blessed more than we deserve, and as a couple, we find this a meaningful way to bless others in our immediate community.

I enjoy spending time with my family (Mom and Dad live next door to us) and friends, cross stitching, crafting, reading, music, flowers, family genealogy, and going for walks outside. My favorite color is purple, and I prefer a good cup of hot tea over coffee. Mary is quite active in dance, gymnastics, and swimming, so I also find it fun to watch her advance in those areas as well. She just started Kindergarten at East Bend Elementary, which I'm sure will provide us all with even more entertainment to come.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, your Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, or Committee regarding communicating or advertising, PLEASE reach out to me. I am here to help you in any way that I possibly can. FCNC's mission statement is, "to know God, and to make Him known." Let me know what I can do to aid you in fulfilling this statement.

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Jasper



Zoë



Maggie



**Lucy
Belle**



Cooper



MacGyver

GLEANNINGS

By: Michael Fulp, Jr.

Mark 9:14-29: "Possibilities"

When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the Law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet Him.

"What are you arguing with them about?" He asked.

A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked Your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

"You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to Me."

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into a fire or water to kill him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

"If You can?" Said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my disbelief!"

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, He rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," He said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus Took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

He Replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

When the father of the boy brought his son to Jesus' disciples and the teachers of the Law, none of them could help the boy. There is no question about the father's love for his son; Jesus does not question that at all. It is the father's belief, which is lacking, just like the disciples and teachers of the Law.

It's not that any of them did not want a healing here, but they did not believe a healing was possible, was the REAL problem for them, as the impure spirit was a REAL problem for the poor boy in this scene.

And then, Jesus arrives and enters the scene; God arrives on the scene, and changes everything.

It's a scene that many would see as a problem, something they would not want to be a part of, but Jesus saw it as a possibility to further salvation and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus used the scene to teach, and also to admonish everyone's disbelief, in a way that was corrective. Jesus used the scene to save, and to heal.

"Everything is possible for one who believes," is the statement from the Lord.

So often we are like the boy's father, Jesus' disciples, and the teachers of the Law, and we easily acknowledge, "yes," there is a problem before us, and "no" we don't "like it," but often we fail to Realize there is possibility there too, if only we believe and let God into the situation.

Jesus Took what many saw as several problems, and with one's belief, showed all the possibilities of Faith.

Do we have problems or do we have possibilities?

It's amazing how integrating belief can affect the answer to that query.

Let's believe, allow the Lord into the situation, and be a good witness to those watching.

Gathered & Growing

Kyle Widlicka, Youth Pastor of Forbush Friends Meeting, took a group of his kids out to visit with some of the Meeting's Widows one Wednesday afternoon prior to school resuming. A total of 5 ladies were visited. Naturally, the kids were spoiled at each house, and the ladies were tickled to have such cute visitors. ALL involved received a blessing!



Meet Hannah Davis

Hello Friends! I'm 29 years old, I recently finished my tenth year working in the embroidery business and have grown up participating in church and youth events alike at Cedar Square Friends since I was born. After graduating from being a youth member myself in 2015, I stuck around as a volunteer with the youth groups and have even assisted Sterling Brown throughout his term here. I look forward to continuing my work with the youth at Cedar Square this year and helping the kids to grow in their faith as we learn about Christ's good works together!

"Thank you Sterling & Stephany for the blessings you've brought, not just to our youth group, not just to our children, but to our whole church. You will be sorely missed, but we know this is God's direction leading you to those needing you at Rocky River Friends. We love you - see y'all later!"



meet our **MISSIONS**

Jamaica VBS 2026

On August 3rd, five volunteers left North Carolina for Jamaica to conduct their annual VBS. In total, 8 Meetings were visited, and a 9th one received teaching and craft materials, plus gift bags with hygiene kits for the kids.

A quote from one of the volunteers, “Thank you, Friends for your prayers and support. You were an extension of all us that went again to Jamaica to deliver the Good News

of Christ! There are many children who come back each year, and it is a joy to observe their Spiritual Growth. Please continue to pray for Jamaica, the youth from the Bible Schools, and the young adults who are becoming the next generation of leaders.”



South Sudan

Former Turkana Friends Mission Director John Moru and his wife Grace have returned to South Sudan after a brief hiatus and begun a renewed ministry among the Toposa community. The Toposa are a pastoralist people whose language and culture closely mirror that of the Turkana, so the Morus' experience in Turkana has also prepared them for this work.

John directed Turkana Friends Mission from 2002 until his retirement in 2021, and his first visit to the Toposa took place in November, 2011. Since retiring, he has served as the pastor of a Village Meeting in Turkana, while also completing a degree at Friends Theological College. During school breaks, supported by Turkana Friends Mission, John and Grace have traveled north to minister among the Toposa, teaching reading and contributing to Bible translation into the Toposa language.

South Sudan continues to face profound challenges. Years of conflict, displacement, and economic hardship have left many communities—including the Toposa—struggling to meet basic needs and to access education and spiritual care. In such an environment, the steady, compassionate presence of the Morus offers stability and hope. Their ministry embodies Christ's love in places where encouragement is scarce.

This month, John and Grace plan to build a simple, temporary home so they can settle more fully among the Toposa and continue their work without constant uncertainty. This modest construction marks an important next step toward establishing a stable, lasting ministry presence.



AUGUST RECAP

August 23rd

On Sunday, August 23, 2026 Concord Friends recognized Greg and Cindy Creed for their 25 years of ministry. Church members were challenged to make a donation to an organization of their choice in honor of the Creeds. Twenty-two organizations were the recipients from over 40 families. A slideshow presentation of the donations and memories was shared with the congregation and many former youth and their families attended this celebration with 97 in total attendance. Superintendent, Mike Wall, shared some special memories of the Creeds as well.



A covered dish lunch followed this special service. We are so blessed at Concord to have had the Creeds for 25 years as our pastors. We pray their next 25 years go as well as the first 25!!

August 29th

On Saturday, August 29th, the USFW held their Fall Gathering at Bethel Friends. Guest Speaker was David Millikan, who spoke on his experiences with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which is a national organization that builds and furnishes beds for children in need. David oversees the operation and distribution of the Asheboro Chapter. The average cost to build a bed is \$250, which includes the bedding as well. Since August of 2025, they have built and delivered 500 beds!

If your Meeting or Quarterly Meeting is interested in hosting a “Bed Build” group project, please reach out to David and his team. They are willing and able to bring the build job site to you!

