



# 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](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)

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A Word of Devotion:

### FREEDOM FROM SIN & DEATH

By: Molly Howard

Howard

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”  
— Romans 8:1-2



### Quotes by Quakers



“MY PRISON SHALL BE MY GRAVE BEFORE I WILL BUDGE A JOT; FOR I OWE MY CONSCIENCE TO NO MORTAL MAN.”

— WILLIAM PENN  
WHILE IMPRISONED IN THE TOWER OF LONDON IN 1669

At times in life, we have probably all felt trapped to at least a certain extent. It could have been by our circumstances or even our own actions. Perhaps, we want freedom from a crisis, person, feeling or any other wide variety of things that weigh us down or make our lives difficult. When we find ourselves in these situations, we may long for freedom but struggle to find it. No matter our struggle, there is one who offers freedom that we could never find on our own with our own power. Jesus Christ gives freedom from sin and death. For us, this kind of freedom is incomprehensible and unattainable, but Jesus offers it to us when we believe in salvation through him.

Sin is a struggle, and no matter where we are in our Christian walks, we will always encounter temptations. However, when we have accepted Christ into our lives, we are set free from the bondage of sin. We are no longer controlled by our own desires and nature but rather are submitting to God’s will for us.

True freedom does not have to do with being able to do our own thing, but rather we find true freedom when we submit to Christ and his righteousness. God’s will is much better than ours could ever be (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Romans 6:18 says, “You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.” We have a higher purpose than our own desire to make choices or escape our struggles. We are called to live for Jesus and in righteousness.

Even though we have freedom in Jesus, we shouldn’t go around making bad decisions or choosing sin as Christ is now the master of our lives. Galatians 5:13 tells us to use our freedom to serve one another. We may have the option and opportunity to sin but that doesn’t mean we should take that route.

To compare with a simpler example, when we are little children, we have our parent/guardians to tell us what to do. They tell us to eat food, get adequate sleep, etc. After time has passed, we have to make those decisions for ourselves. Just because we have that freedom to choose not to take care of ourselves, doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t. It is the same way with our freedom from sin, we should do what we know is right even though it’s in our power to choose what’s wrong.

#### The Cost of Our Freedom

Although the name might imply otherwise, freedom comes at a cost. Before Christ, we are so stuck in our sins and we could never get out and are doomed to death. Jesus, however, was willing to take on our debts. He took on the consequences of our sin, a horrible death, even though he had never sinned and done nothing to deserve that sentence.

God loves us so much and so deeply that He created a plan that included sending His own son to earth knowing he would need to face suffering and death. This is the price of our freedom.

Thanks be to God for paying the price of our freedom from sin. This is something worth celebrating. We can now have victory and true freedom over sin and death. This leaves us with the decision to choose to embrace this freedom God has blessed us with and pursue righteousness or let our sin continue to control us. Praise God that we no longer must be slaves to sin.



## Upcoming Events:

**July 7-10 2024**  
Southern Quarter Revival  
at Bethel Friends @ 7PM

**July 26-27 2024**  
White Plains Friends VBS

**July 27-28 2024**  
Archdale Friends  
100th Anniversary

**July 29 2024**  
Annual sessions  
registration deadline

**August 9 - 10 2024**  
FCNC 7th Annual Sessions

**August 30th 2024**  
USFW drawing competition deadline  
(more info below)

**September 15 2024**  
Singing For Shepherds  
(more info below)

SUMMER TIME IS UNDERWAY  
AND TIME IS FLYING WITH SO  
MANY ACTIVITIES!  
DON'T FORGET TO LET US  
KNOW ABOUT  
YOUR MEETINGS ACTIVITIES,  
VBS, OUTREACH,  
FUNDRAISERS AND MORE!

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

### Date TBD

Online Young Adult Bible Study  
(college age to under 40)

For a brief description [CLICK HERE](#):

To register [CLICK HERE](#)  
(see flyer below)

**September 20-23, 2024**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Kaleo Youth Workers Retreat  
(See flyer below)

If you have any announcements  
*let us know at*  
[jenny@friendschurchnc.org](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.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

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## New ADDRESSES

FCNC  
P.O. Box 4240,  
Archdale, NC 27263

It is also the new mailing  
address for NCYM INC.  
as well as to Judith Cranford

Treasurer NC USFW:  
Alicia Sharp  
908 Scottish Rite Dr.  
Apt 219  
Greensboro, NC 27407

Please send correspondence  
and NC USFW project  
donations here.

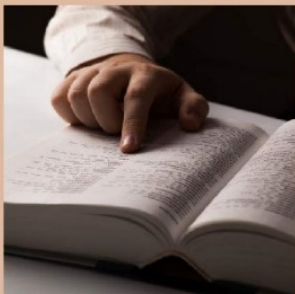


## Announcements:



REMINDER

## Directory *still available!*



There was recently 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](mailto:paul@friendschurchnc.org)

[Log in HERE](#)



## 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 the next page

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



## IN SEARCH

of a full time Pastor  
*Science Hill Friends Meeting*

2421 Lassiter Mill Road  
Asheboro, NC 27205

In rural Randolph County, right off of New Highway 49  
If you are interested in applying or visiting please contact  
Tammy Garner @ 336-460-4421 or [garnerseed@rtmc.net](mailto:garnerseed@rtmc.net)

Mailing address:  
Science Hill Friends  
c/o Tammy Garner  
PO Box 1386  
Asheboro, NC 27204



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



## IN SEARCH

of a Pastor  
*Bethel Friends Meeting*

2519 Bethel Church Road  
Asheboro, NC. 27203

We are a small, but active meeting. Our average attendance for morning worship is between 35 and 40.  
Our USFW attendance is around 14 ladies for each of our monthly breakfast meetings. The USFW is very  
involved in community and mission projects. Our Quaker Men meet once a month for breakfast, fellowship  
and devotions.

Our meeting serves 1000+ people at our Pig Picking fundraisers in April and October each year. We also have  
various other activities that reach out into our community.  
We want our pastor to participate in our meeting activities.

We want our pastor to lead us in studying God's word, reaching others for Christ and helping us to grow in our  
own walk with Christ. We want a pastor who will care for our meeting as we will care for them, with love,  
compassion and concern.

We want them to be a close part of our Bethel family.

For more information contact Sarah Cox Clerk of Ministry and Council  
336-963-2710



# NATIONAL FRIENDS YOUTH WORKERS RETREAT

SEPT. 20-23, 2024  
QUAKER RIDGE CAMP IN COLORADO  
\$250 PER PERSON



This fall Kaleo Academy, the Youth Ministry Department at Barclay College, and MidAmerica Yearly Meeting are partnering together to host the first-ever National Friends Youth Workers Retreat. This will be an opportunity for those who work with youth within the evangelically minded Friends Church to gather together for some training, encouragement, and rest. We will be gathering at the beautiful Quaker Ridge Camp in Colorado on Sept. 20-23, 2024 and we invite any youth workers in FCNC to join us!

The cost is \$250 plus travel expenses.

More information coming soon!

USFWI PRESENTS:

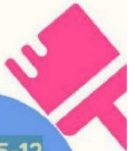
## A DRAWING COMPETITION FOR KIDS

DESIGN THE COVER FOR THE  
2025-2026 *BLUEPRINTS* using  
the theme:

*"Love in Many Languages"*

based on

I Thessalonians 2:8



FOR 5-12  
YEARS OLD  
AND  
13-18 YEARS  
OLD

LET YOUR CREATIVITY BE SEEN THROUGH THIS COMPETITION !

One Grand Prize \$100

PRIZES FOR WINNERS IN BOTH AGE GROUPS

1ST PLACE

\$75

2ND PLACE

\$50

3RD PLACE

\$25

### CONTEST RULES:

- ARTISTS MUST ATTEND A FRIENDS MEETING
- ARTWORK MUST BE 8 1/2" X 11"-- PORTRAIT ORIENTATION
- PENCIL OR BLACK INK (NO COLOR)
- ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PARTICIPANT
- OPTIONS FOR ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:
  - MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
  - MAIL TO RITA MINTMIER, 6354 LEWIS DAVIS RD., RANDLEMAN, NC 27317 USA
  - Scan and email to [rmintmier@yahoo.com](mailto:rmintmier@yahoo.com)

**ALL  
ENTRIES  
MUST BE  
RECEIVED  
BY  
AUGUST  
30, 2024**

IT'S THE

# 100<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY  
OF

## ARCHDALE FRIENDS MEETING

*Please join us to celebrate!*

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

COMMUNITY DAY AT ARCHDALE FRIENDS  
HISTORY DISPLAY, FOOD, GAMES, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

11 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNING ANNIVERSARY SERVICE WITH KELLY KELLUM,  
GENERAL SECRETARY OF FRIENDS UNITED MEETING  
CARRY-IN MEAL TO FOLLOW

Excerpts from:

## SOME FRUITS OF SOLITUDE

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



NEW!

### Quotes on "Passion":

279- Passion is a sort of fever in the mind, which ever leaves us weaker than it found us.

281- Passion, more than anything, deprives us of the use of our judgment; for it raises a dust very hard to see through.

286- He that won't hear can't judge, and he that can't bear contradiction, may, with all his wit missed the mark.

287- Objection and debate sift out truth, which needs temper as well as judgment.

289- Never chide for anger, but instruction.

290- He that corrects out of passion, raise his revenge sooner than repentance.

291- Passion has more of wantonness than wisdom, and resembles those who eat to please their palate rather than their appetite.

294- A man's strength is shown by his bearing.

## QUAKER QUESTIONS

NEW!

Taken from "Questions Quakers are Asking"  
By: Seth B. Hinshaw



### General questions as to services of worship:

1. All services of worship do not have to be alike, a fact which is often overlooked. People need both prophetic preaching, and also prolonged periods of open worship. How may this be achieved?
2. A teaching ministry is needed. Exposition of the Scriptures can be uplifting and highly beneficial, especially when the Scriptures are applied to contemporary problems. To what extent is this a pastoral responsibility?
3. People need comfort, assurance, encouragement and exhortation. Do elders have a special responsibility here?
4. No one can worship in a hurry. The proverbial "moment of silence" may be a polite nod to tradition, but does it permit creative Divine communion?
5. The great hymns of the faith, when reverently used, can be a means of great spiritual blessing. What about entertainment songs?

## Prayer CORNER



*How can we pray for you?*

### Prayer:

Ben & Linda Hurley's daughter, Tanya, had a stroke in June. Pray for healing and comfort during this time.

-Pray for our Hispanic Pastor, Misael Morales and his family. Misael's brother was driving with his cousin, and was involved in a horrific accident, in which his cousin was killed.

### Praise:

Praise God for Freedom in Him!  
We are no longer slaves to fear,  
sin, death or defeat!

There is Freedom in Jesus name!



# ...for July



## 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...*

**-How does our meeting communicate Friends' presence and principles to the wider community?**

**-What are we doing to invite persons to attend our meetings for worship, to welcome them when they come, to listen sensitively to their needs and hesitations and to encourage their continued attendance?**

**-Does my life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?**

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

## FCNC 7th Annual Sessions

**August 9 & 10, 2024  
at Quaker Lake Camp**

**Guest Speaker:  
Samuel Vasquez  
Clerk of Mexico  
Yearly Meeting**

*"We Have a Story to tell  
the Nations"*

YFAC, Nursery,  
Children's Program,  
Camp Activities,  
Adult Workshops,  
Shaded Rocking Chairs.  
Young or Seasoned,  
we have something planned  
for Friends of ALL ages!

\*Visit FCNC website :  
<https://www.friendschurchnc.org/>  
for more info & Registration Forms

### Tentative Schedule

#### Friday

1:30 PM\* Registration (foyer of multipurpose building)  
 2:00 Ministry & Counsel  
 3:00 Business  
 5:00 **Supper (Pre-registration required by July 29)**  
 6:00 Special Music by Joe Davis  
 Intergenerational Worship  
**(Speaker: Samuel Vasquez, Clerk of Mexico YM)**

#### Saturday (Breakfast on your own)

8:00 AM\* Registration (foyer of multipurpose building)  
 8:30 Morning Praise on the Porch by Dusty Ball  
 9:00 Start of Business  
 12:00 PM\* **Lunch (Pre-registration required by July 29)**  
 1:00 Memorial Service (Yadkin Quarter\*\*)  
 Retirement Reception  
 Free time & optional Adult Workshops  
 5:30 **Supper (Pre-registration required by July 29)**  
 6:30 Special Music by Baltimore Friends  
 7:00 Worship  
**(Speaker: Samuel Vasquez, Clerk of Mexico YM)**  
 Annual Sessions Message

\*Book Room open & Silent Auction (bidding closes at 5:30PM on Saturday. Funds go to support missions)

\*\* Please have Memorials emailed to Judy Ritter by Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Offerings:

**Quaker Lake Camp**

**Baltimore Friends**

**Agujita Friends Church** (Samuel's church that has roof damage from hail storm)

**GOOD NEWS!**

**HE SAID TO THEM, "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION."**

**MARK 16:15**

**\$20 BY JULY 29**

**AUGUST 9-10 AT QLC**

**FRIENDSCHURCHINC.ORG/YOUNG-FRIENDS**

**Annual Sessions – August 9-10, 2024**

Mark 16:15 - Good News

**Friday – August 9**

- 5:00 – Registration
- 5:30 – Supper with Adults
- 6:30 – Intergenerational Worship
- 8:00 – Games
- 10:00 – Ice Cream Social
- 11:00 – Hang out / go to bed
- 11:30 – Lights out

**Saturday – August 10**

- 8:30 – Breakfast
- 9:30 – Session (What is the Good News and how to share it)
- 10:30 – Small Groups
- 12:00 – Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 – Session (prayer / outreach) – Roleplaying - Testimony
- 3:00 – 5:00 – QLC Activities ( Pool, Gaga Pit, 9 square, Tetherball, Volleyball, Crafts)
- 5:00 – Cleanup for Supper
- 5:30 – Supper with Adults
- 6:30 – Cleanup rooms and pack
- Leave after you've been checked out

**Singing for Shepherds**

Sunday, September 15, 2024  
 9am-6pm Eastern  
 6am-3pm Pacific

You're invited to a joyful, hopeful drop-in Zoom event. Participate as a whole meeting, as a Sunday school group, as a family, or as an individual Friend. You can come anytime and leave anytime. Appropriate for all ages!

During this day-long gathering, we'll focus on two missions among pastoralist people in Kenya: Samburu Friends Mission and Turkana Friends Mission. We'll hear stories about these missions, watch videos, and look at photographs. We'll sing hymns together, pray for the missions and the people, and have a little fun with trivia. We'll also set a goal for \$1000/month in new contributions to these missions.

Why monthly commitments rather than one-time donations? Because these two missions bear remarkable fruits. They create church communities, run schools, provide health care, give scholarships, and deliver emergency feeding interventions, and yet it's perpetually difficult to raise the necessary monthly funds to keep them going. We pray for the opportunity to change that as a global community. Every commitment will help, no matter how small.

All are welcome to participate in the event, and the hope is to have a Spirit-filled, brimming-with-love celebration of stories of faithfulness. If your meeting or church has Zoom capability, you can join all together during your social hour or religious education time or even for a half-hour period as part of your business meeting agenda. Or join in as an individual, couple, or family. Please come.



Register here to receive a Zoom link (which will also be resent immediately before the event): [CLICK HERE](#)



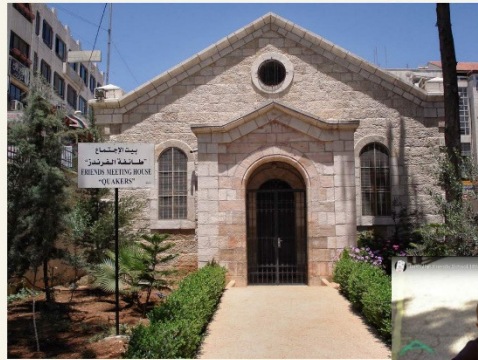


### Construction begins on the new biogas generator for Friends Theological College.

A beehive of activities has been happening at Friends Theological College this week. A major project, a modern biogas digester—one of its kind in Western Kenya—is being constructed at FTC. A biogas digester is capable of producing gaseous renewable energy from raw materials such as agricultural waste, manure, plant material, and food waste. When the digester is completed, it will save the Kaimosi natural forest from being destroyed for institutional cooking activities. FTC trains church leaders who are concerned not only with spiritual matters, but who are also concerned with the global environment.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see pictures & learn more!

## Meet our Missions Ramallah Friends



Click on the picture to watch a video full of information about 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.

It is doubtful that Miriam, Sybil, or Eli could ever have imagined what Ramallah Friends School (RFS) would look like in the 21st century. As the only accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in Palestine, RFS offers an innovative and multi-disciplinary education that prepares Palestinian young people to be outstanding scholars, leaders, and change-makers in their community and around the world. Nurtured in an academic and community life guided by Christian Quaker values and spirituality, the School aims to impact both Christian and Muslim students in a wholistic and life-changing way.

To learn more [CLICK HERE](#).



## Visit to Forbush Friends Meeting

On June 2nd over 160 people gathered for Worship and to kick off IMPACT YADKIN. This is a bi-annual joining of churches in the county to address needs of people in the community in the name of Christ. The High School houses folks who work daily repairing roofs, building decks, assisting folks in need. Forbush will be sponsoring a crew and feeding them all week. There are worship services each night at the High School. Pastor Mitchell See preached a powerful message about maintaining FOCUS on the Word of God.

