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The Official Newsletter of Friends Church North Carolina

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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](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)



## Quotes by Quakers

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“THE QUAKER TRADITION AT IT’S VERY HEART IS BUILT AROUND THE CONVICTION AS THE PEOPLES OF GOD WE ALL CAN PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE UNFOLDING OF GOD’S WORK IN THE WORLD. NO MATTER HOW INEXPERIENCED OR UNQUALIFIED WE THINK WE MAY BE (ICOR12:14).”

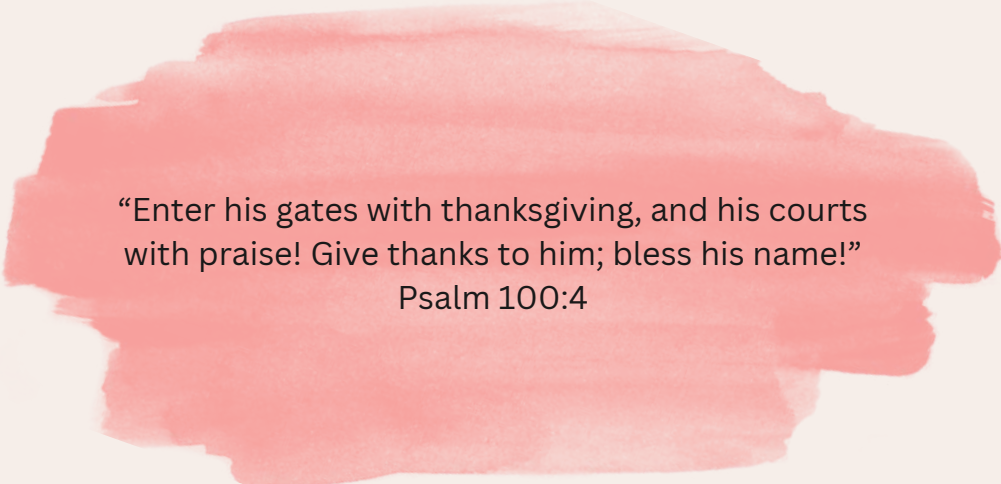
-WESS DANIELS

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A Word of Devotion:

## ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH THANKSGIVING



“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts  
with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”

Psalm 100:4

Thanksgiving is a gift given to us by the good and loving nature of our heavenly Father. In and out of every season of life, we have a reason to give thanks because we serve a wholly faithful, good, and loving God. We serve the only King who would lay down his life for his unworthy, rebellious servants. We serve a God perfectly worthy of all the thanksgiving and praise we could possibly give. In using the incredible gift of thanksgiving, we remind ourselves of how truly good our Father is. In thanksgiving, we experience the joy of a proper perspective and have our hearts stirred by the renewing of our minds. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" When we come before God with thanksgiving, we seek the face of our Father while grounding ourselves firmly in the truth of his perfect nature. When we begin our days, prayers, worship, reading, and fellowship with a heart of thanksgiving, we live out of a place of faith and reality found in the kingdom of God come to earth.

Our God is bigger and better than our circumstances, fears, wounds, misconceptions, and past failures. There is security and joy in declaring the goodness, kindness, loving, and eternal nature of our Father. We dictate the emotions we feel by what we choose to dwell on and believe. Our minds are the battleground for our emotions, actions, and desire to dwell in communion with our good God.

Ephesians 5:20 says we are to be "giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And Psalm 92:1-5 says:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

Our hearts become glad when we offer continual thanksgiving. Five minutes of thanksgiving and praise has the power to change the direction of each day. It has the power to stir our hearts and make us open to and aware of God's will for us in every situation. It fills us with an atmosphere of joy and of the Spirit. And it can greatly assist us in choosing the life of communion with the Father over the pursuits of the world as temptations and situations arise. May you be empowered and filled with transcendent joy as you engage in continual thanksgiving. Take time in guided prayer to practice thanksgiving and enjoy the fruits of a renewed mind and a heart filled with joy and truth.



## Upcoming Events:

**\*\*\*Attention\*\*\***

**As the Holiday season quickly approaches, don't forget to let us know about your upcoming events!  
Fundaisers, community outreach, Christmas plays and Nativities.**

**Our Newsletters Upcoming Event section is a great place to let others know how they can support our fellow local Meetings.**

**Just send us an e-mail at:  
[jenny@friendschurchnc.org](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)**

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

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT CENTRE FRIENDS**

It is with great anticipation that we want to remind each of you of our upcoming annual meeting! This year our meeting will be held at Centre Friends Meeting on Saturday November 9th. As you may have read in our newsletter, Ron Osborne will be presenting a program he has prepared titled, "The Life of William Hockett". The program will be preceded by a reception in the fellowship hall at 9:30am and business meeting at 10:00am. After the program we will be offering a tour of the Willam Hockett homeplace and encourage you to wear sturdy shoes if you plan to come along on the tour!

### **THE BOOK ROOM ONLINE**

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out the online bookstore on the FCNC website. A great resource for many friends books!



If you have any announcements

*Let us know at*  
[jenny@friendschurchnc.org](mailto:jenny@friendschurchnc.org)

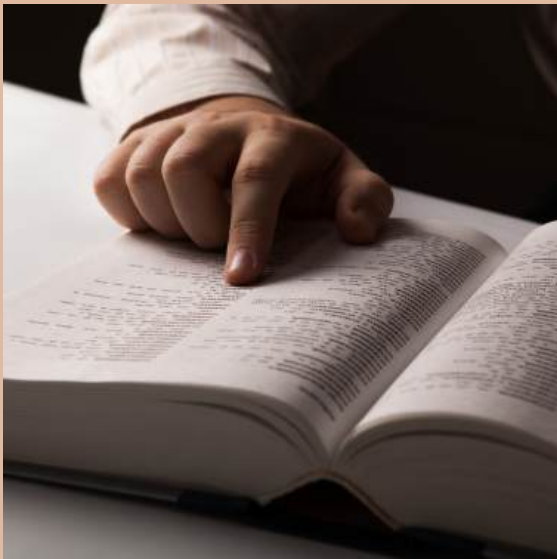
**\*\*Attention Committee Members\*\***

# Announcements:



REMINDER

## Directory *still available!*

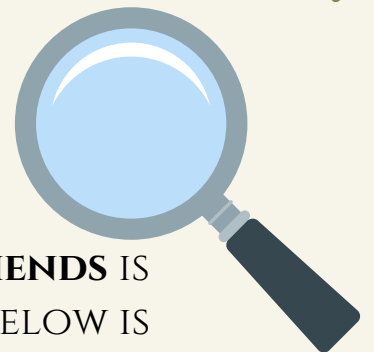


There was recently a possible data breach in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

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

[Log in HERE](#)

## *In Search of a 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  
and to apply



## 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



## 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



## 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  
[julle@asheborolawyer.com](mailto:julle@asheborolawyer.com)

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.



## 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](mailto:dallasavestal@yahoo.com)

Dallas Brooks, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel  
Rocky River Friends Meeting

FRIENDS CHURCH BALTIMORE & FAITH GOSPEL CHURCH

Invites all to our...

# BALTIMORE Revival FEST

15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Friday: 5pm - 9pm | Saturday: 3pm - 9pm  
Friends School of Baltimore  
5114 North Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21210

**REVIVED TO SERVE BOLDLY**  
ISAIAH 57:15






Darryl Bodie  
Rev. Gilbert Imbayi  
Pol Francis Londo  
Rev. Ronald Sibinyi

## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

2024's Annual Meeting.

### Ron Osborne

is among the ninth generation of his family to grow up in the Centre Friends Meeting community of rural Guilford County and 13th generation North Carolina Quaker. Ron Osborne developed a love of history and learning more about his family's stories from listening to his relatives share stories with him. The first of those accounts were given to him while at the knee of his grandparents and elders, listening to their recollections.

### Upon leaving home

Ron earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University and became a licensed professional engineer, embarking on a 35-year utility career. All the while, he continued to explore history and collect family stories.

### After retiring in 2019

history continues to remain his first passion. Ron will be speaking about the life of William Bales Hockett (1828-1905). Hockett was a conscientious objector during the Civil War. Even so, he found himself drafted but refused to fight. He wound up imprisoned by the Union Army.



# Randleman Friends Meeting

Helping people at their point of need, in the name of Jesus Christ.

## **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](mailto:randlemanfriendsmeeting@gmail.com)





## Second Harvest Season at Ambwere Farm

The second harvesting season at the Friends United Meeting Sustainability Farm (the Ambwere Farm in Kenya ) commenced on September 30th 2025.

This week marks the third week since harvesting began.

This season, farm workers planted 800 acres of maize on our 902-acre property, with the remaining acres being occupied by roads, forests, and storage buildings. We managed to get a combine harvester to do our harvesting and, unlike last season where we used four machines, this time around we are only utilizing one machine for our harvest. This allows for easy, proper, and effective monitoring and management as we carry out our harvesting with a key aim of minimizing or reducing wastage and losses.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article.



## Meet our Missions Jamaica



Over 100 years ago, FUM missionaries went to Jamaica to help plant churches, begin schools and train leaders. Today, Jamaica Yearly Meeting members continue to reach out to their communities by nurturing those in need, inviting new people into their fellowships and providing quality education through Happy Grove School. Partnering with Quaker sisters and brothers from Friends Church of NC, Jamaican Friends also hold a thriving Vacation Bible School outreach to the children.

Excerpts from:

# SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living

By: William Penn



## Quotes on "Clean Hands":

396- Patience is a virtue everywhere; but it shines with great luster in the men of government.

397 & 398- Some are so proud or testy, they won't hear what they should redress. Others so weak, they sink or burst under the weight of their office, though they can lightly run away with the salary of it.

399- Business can never be well done, that is not well understood: which cannot be without patients.

## QUAKER

# QUESTIONS

Taken from "Questions Quakers are Asking"

By: Seth B. Hinshaw

## That of God in every man?



This expression coming from the writing of George Fox has been much misused, but some consideration of it may be helpful.

"Does not every person have a soul? Who creates the soul? To whom does the soul of man belong by right of creation? Granted that men may become horribly sinful, were they created so, or did they willfully become so? Does God create "totally depraved" souls? Why, or why not?"

Shall the concept of sacredness be restricted to certain people of whom we approve, suspending our testimony in war time, in conflict situations and when our "best interests" are involved? Can Christians at any time rightfully call "enemies" mad-dogs and demons? Where there is difficulty in affirming that of God in every man, we can at least, as a beginning, affirm that of God in the other person... Most likely this individual needs this affirmation, and will prophet richly by it!"



Quaker Query

# ...for November



## 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...*

**-Do I care for the reputation of others, refraining from gossip or disparaging remarks?**

**-Am I committed to the difficult work of forgiveness, and affirming God's love for the whole community?**

## 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)



# *Prayer* **CORNER**

*How can we pray for you?*

## *Prayer:*

-Pray for peace in our country.  
This is the month where we elect the  
new President of the United States.

Pray that we will accept the outcome  
with grace, and continue to do our  
part in loving our neighbors and  
serving God, by serving our  
community.

## *Praise:*

Praise God for  
His Omnipotence.

“To say that God is omnipotent is  
to recognize that there is nothing  
outside of his ability to accomplish  
and there is no one who can  
exercise power over Him”

# October

## RECAP

### Liberty Friends Meeting

Superintendent, Mike Wall visited with Liberty Friends on October 13, 2024



# Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting

October 20th was Yadkinville Quarterly Meeting at Winthrop. A presentation was given on Jamaica Bible School last summer.



# 90th Birthday Celebration

These are some pictures from the 90th Birthday Celebration for Bud Smith on 9-16-24. Bud has attended Bethel Friends Meeting most of his life, he along with his late wife Vera raised their children at Bethel. Bud spends his days working on his farm, volunteering at Randolph Health Hospital and volunteering with the NC Friends Disaster Relief Services.

