

# The Encourager

And he said, *The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.*

Luke 18:27

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

September, 2012



## Small Sprockets

I love riding my mountain bike. Spending time on the trail with my husband is one of my favorite things! Zipping through the trees, soaking up the beauty of the woods, and being challenged with the uphill portions of the trail simply make me feel more ALIVE.

Well, I really don't feel so "alive" at the top of one hill in particular... "Heart Attack Hill". Trust me it has earned its name!! My heart has never failed me but boy, my legs sure have and I have the scars to prove it. Basically, the only way to make it up this challenging hill is to gear down into the lowest gear and peddle like a mad woman!

Low gears allow a biker to climb hills when there is no momentum, but the trade is peddling hard but only moving a few feet. Dr. Tim Elmore describes it this way, "Imagine two sprockets, one small one and one big one. It's the job of the small sprocket to turn the big sprocket. If the small sprocket is half the size of the big one, it must go around twice before the big one completes a full revolution. Doesn't sound too bad, does it?"

Church leaders are small sprockets. Whether you are the pastor, clerk, committee chairperson, or Elder you sometimes experience things flowing smoothly and you don't feel like you're working too hard. Then there are times when you work, work, work, just to feel like the committee or team is progressing at all! Think...Moses. Moses was challenged with leading a LARGE group of people through the desert and it took them 40 years to get there! Moses was peddling hard and only moving a few feet...he didn't give up... he never made it into the Promise Land but his folks did! All that spinning can be tiresome but people eventually respond to all your labor.

I love serving a church with leadership that continues to gear down and keeps peddling to move our church closer to its vision, to sustain our church's spiritual health, and to guide a new generation in their faith journey. So, leaders... let's get together and peddle! Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will have a Leadership/All Committee Meeting. I hope that all committee members and everyone that loves Deep Creek Friends will come out and help peddle!!

Under His Grace, *Georgianne*

"You lazy fool, look at the ant. Watch it closely; let it teach you a thing or two. Nobody has to tell it what to do. All summer it stores up food." Proverbs 6:6 MSG

**\*NOTE Change of Date:**

**Sunday, September 9 at 9:15 AM**

**Monthly Meeting will meet  
Fellowship Hall**

Come participate in the business of the meeting.  
Breakfast refreshments will be provided.

**Sunday, September 2 – 11:00 AM Worship  
Guest Speaker: Jeff Barnes**

(The pastor will be attending Yearly Meeting.)

Jeff is the son of Phyllis Barnes. He is married to the former Kim Gentry, daughter of Tony and Ann Gentry. We look forward to having Jeff speak at Deep Creek again.

Georgianne will be at Black Mountain attending Yearly Meeting.

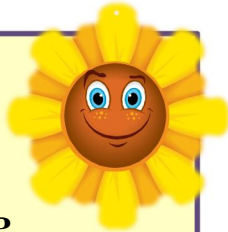
**September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**

**Join us again on the  
Third Sunday  
For Another**

**WAKE UP AND SHAKE UP  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST  
for**

**More Delicious Food  
10:00 to 10:45 – Sunday School Treat**

*Jay Brendle, Sunday School Superintendent*



**September 16 at 6:00 PM**

**All Committee / Leadership Meeting  
Fellowship Hall**

**All Committee Members should be  
present and chairpersons prepared. All  
other interested persons are also welcome.**

Remember:

**Deep Creek Friends Meeting 2012 Vision Statement**  
A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS  
Growing in God's Word,  
Reaching all generations, and  
Serving others in Christ's love.

***Looking Ahead:***

**Adults and Children – Mark your calendar**

**October 28**

**Trunk and Treat with Hot Dog Supper**

**Start planning your costumes, car decorations,  
special treats and friends to invite.**

**Special Music for Worship Services – September**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Barnes  
9<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Barnes and Skyler Raines  
16<sup>th</sup> To be announced  
23<sup>rd</sup> The Choir  
30<sup>th</sup> Traveling Road Show plus**

Submitted by Ruby Brendle



**Greeting the people – September**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dot Coe & Ina Sheek  
9<sup>th</sup> Bob Smith  
16<sup>th</sup> Marion & Jewell Welborn  
23<sup>rd</sup> Don & Pam Steelman  
30<sup>th</sup> Allen & Wilma Sneed**

Submitted by Teresa Welborn



**Children's Church Assistants –September**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Franklin Shore  
16<sup>th</sup> Adam Hutchins**

Submitted by Angie Brendle



**Nursery Workers for Worship –September**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mike & Vicki Shore  
9<sup>th</sup> Tracy Ray and Alli Jones  
16<sup>th</sup> Jay Brendle and Jacob Brendle  
23<sup>rd</sup> Donna Raines and Skyler Raines  
30<sup>th</sup> Louis & Libby Shore**

Submitted by Don Steelman



**Sanctuary Flowers –September  
Generations Class**

**This month, contact Angie Brendle  
to place flowers for a special occasion.**

Submitted by Angie Brendle



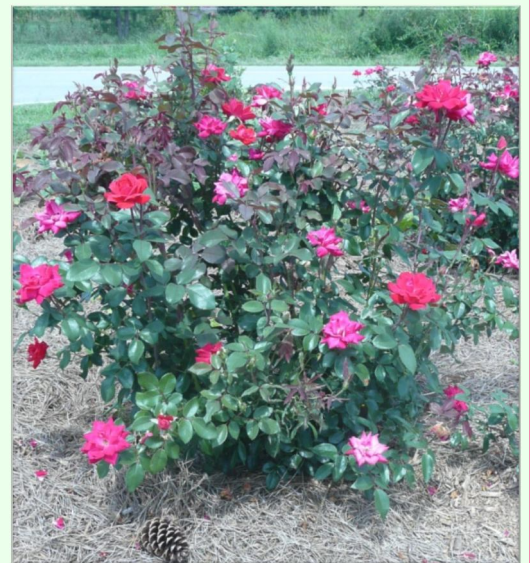
**Join the Choir for Practice**

*September 16 at 5:00 PM*



***Special Thanks:***

*Thanks to Clark and Brenda Shore for planting the roses behind the church directional sign at the intersection of Rockford and Deep Creek Church Road. They are growing beautifully. We also thank Bob Smith who set this corner aside for church use.*





## "THE GATHERING" at the Creek

If you are interested in knowing more about Deep Creek Friends, Quakers, and church membership join us Sunday mornings, in September – beginning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, during Sunday School (10:00am – 10:45am), in the church library. If you have questions regarding this forum please contact Georgianne, 408-2677



We congratulate Jake Shore and Shannon Shore who made their commitment to the church and received the Right Hand of Fellowship on August 12. We look forward to having others soon.

**Rules to Live By: The Queries from North Carolina**  
Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice*

**Spiritual Growth** – Are you sensitive and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

## not a fan. ...Becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus

We, at Deep Creek, will begin a new, exciting, and challenging Bible Study in September on Wednesday nights at 7pm. *Not a Fan* is a new book and group study by Kyle Idleman that asks the question...Are you a fan or a follower?

*"Fans want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires sacrifice. Fans may be fine with repeating a prayer, attending church on weekends, and slapping a Jesus fish on their bumpers. But really is that the extent of the relationship? Jesus was NEVER interested in having admirers. It's not fans he is looking for. Not a Fan challenges you to consider what it really means to call yourself a Christian." ~ Book Cover*

Join us on Wednesday nights, beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>, and become a follower...not just a fan. Please contact Georgianne if you have any questions regarding this study.





Thank you for the fruit and other items you donated in August.

Walk for Hunger – October 7 will, again this year, be sponsored by Deep Creek Friends. Also, at the last Monthly Meeting session, action was taken for Deep Creek to take this on as an annual project and to name it in honor of Susan Steelman, who had worked so dilligently for Yadkin Christian Ministries and especially this project. When Susan was told of this action, her response was “They can make a lot of money with that walk.”

A few days later, Susan finally gave up the fight to cancer and went to live with Jesus where there are no hungry people.

The family suggested that instead of flowers, friends and family bring food for Yadkin Christian Ministries. A display and collection center was set up in the lobby of the funeral home. A thousand pounds of food and \$296.00 in cash was brought in that night. Thanks to Hoke Matthews who brought his trailer in anticipation of moving food, which he took to the center.



On Saturday, Susan’s daughter Janet and husband, Leon along with son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Andra, and granddaughter, Hillary went to the center to shelve the food. The family thanks everyone who contributed that night and since in memory of Susan.



Any food items and money will be welcome during the month of September.

Mark your calendar for October 7 and begin collecting your money to join the Walk for Hunger 2012.

Also, Yadkin County Farm Bureau announces YADKIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU HARVEST FOR ALL, a partnership with Yadkin Christian Ministries in an outreach effort to all county churches. *The soul purpose of this partnership is to encourage donations to Yadin Christian Ministries.* Farm Bureau will give monetary awards to the “top dog” churches – the three church youth groups who donate the most food to Yadkin Christian Ministries through October 28. See page 8 for details to help our youth participate from your garden or cupbard.

## The Susan S. Steelman WALK FOR HUNGER 2012

Sponsored by  
Deep Creek Friends Church

Sunday, October 7th, 3:00 PM  
Yadkinville Community Park

Pre-registration from 2:15-2:45PM  
Parking available at the Yadkinville Farmer's Market

All Proceeds will benefit  
YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Yadkin Christian Ministries is supported by the people, churches, and organizations of Yadkin County to assist families in crisis times with food, medication, rent, heat, power, and water. The ministry seeks to do its mission in the spirit of Christ, with a nonjudgmental attitude. We request your prayers and goodwill.

### 2012 Awards Include

- Most walkers from a church or organization
- Largest Dollar Amount raised by a church or organization
- Largest Dollar Amount raised by an individual

Live Music by “The Bell Branch Boys”

“A Great Activity for All Ages”

For more information call: Georgianne Satterfield 408-2677 or 677-3080



**NC Quaker Men Fall Banquet**  
**Will be held at Quaker Lake**  
**September 24**

**All men are welcome to attend.**  
**Contact Walter Shore for a ride and other information.**

**Joint Meeting of Circle #1 and**  
**Quaker Young Women**

**Will be held**  
**Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**

Lena Gayle Williams from Hands of Hope Medical Clinic will be guest speaker. This is a free clinic open to anyone who does not have insurance.

Some members of both circles have volunteered to bring refreshments.

Come, learn about the mission projects and enjoy fellowship and food.

**NC Friends Disaster Service Rebuild House**

Twenty volunteers, including three from Deep Creek, Tony Reece, Michael Ray and I and Tony Matthews from Forbush Friends, went to Swan Quarter, NC, the week of August 19 to build a new house for a young couple that lost their home to a hurricane a year ago. It was a good week to work on a house in the middle of August – cloudy every day with light drizzle most of the week. We did stop a little early two days because of rain, but most of us were really tired and ready to rest.

The family bought the lumber and NC FDS furnished the labor. The team framed, roofed, put on house wrap and installed windows and doors. As soon as inspected, it is ready for siding and finish work. The couple was very appreciative and amazed at how fast the work was going. It was a blessing to be able to help people who cannot rebuild without some help.

The volunteers are always interested in the area where we work, so a local guy arranged for us to go “Bear Watching” (it is illegal to hunt bear) one night after supper. We saw 8 to 10 bear and 25 deer. It was an interesting experience for some of us. *Wiley Shore*

**Three of our Women Attend**  
**NC USFW Annual Gathering**

Women from across NC Yearly Meeting gathered at Quaker Lake to discuss mission work, reorganize and renew friendships. Our Janet Robbins, NC USFW treasurer, worked at the registration desk and introduced the new Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship members. Donna Terrell served lemonade for morning refreshments. Shelby Shore was in charge of the printed programs.



The luncheon tables were beautifully decorated with white trees with rain drop blessings and rain boots filled with flowers to illustrate the 2012-13 theme, “Showers of Blessings”. The international president, Pat Shrock, challenged everyone to pray for a blessing. She asked “As we get older, will we become elders or elderly?” “It is a high calling to affirm others and see the best in them. Be a blessing at any age!” Caleb was 85 when he and Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan into the Promised Land.

During instalutalation of officers, Esther Creed from Union Cross Meeting was installed as the new Peace and Social Concerns Secretary along with other officers.



**Deep Creek Friends Meeting  
T-Shirts etc.  
for Sale  
by the Christian Education  
Committee**

See Tracy Ray for information

**Do your Christmas  
Shopping Early!**



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deep Creek Fiends Meeting Order Form**

**T-Shirts**

(Blue/Gray, sizes up to 4X)

**Prices**

Youth (S-L): \$10  
Adult (S-XL): \$12  
Adult (XXL-4X): \$14

Color Size Quantity

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**Long Sleeve T-Shirts**

(Blue/Gray, sizes up to 4X)

**Prices**

Youth (S-L): \$14  
Adult (S-XL): \$15  
Adult (XXL-4X): \$17

Color Size Quantity

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**Sweatshirts:**

(Gray ONLY)

**Prices**

Youth (S-L): \$14  
Adult (S-XL): \$17  
Adult (XXL-4X): \$20

Size Quantity

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**Hooded Sweatshirts:**

(Gray ONLY)

**Prices**

Youth (S-L): \$17  
Adult (S-XL): \$20  
Adult (XXL-4X): \$24

Size Quantity

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**Sweatpants:**

(Gray ONLY, Adults ONLY)

**Prices**

Adult (S-XL):  
Adult (XXL-4X):

Size Quantity

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_____	_____

Total amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in United States**

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on **September 17**. This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787.

On this day US citizens remember the blessings of liberty and are recognized for holding the responsibilities of citizenship.

**September 3 - Labor Day**

**Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day.**

Robert Louis Stevenson





9/15/94

## A Time in History:

This article is from *The Yadkin Ripple* September 15, 1994. Remember the days of Deep Creek Softball and Players must attend church to play? Recognize any of the players? Note their names at the bottom.

You can find some trophies in the cabinet in the Fellowship Hall.

Clipping - Compliments of Tracy Ray



**THIRD BEST IN THE STATE**—The Deep Creek Friends Church Softball Team has the honor of being the third best in the state. The team won third place in the State Class "C" Church Softball Tournament in which a total of 59 teams participated. The tournament was held at Hickory. Team members are (back row, from left): Clark Shore.

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Derry Brown, Tim Collins, Bradley Shore, Danny Hobson, Michael Shore, Ryan Crater, Jeff Hobson, Tommy Shore. Kneeling left to right: Derick Crater, Ronnie Harris, Patrick Gray, Dexter Crater, Coach Jay Brendle, Rick Vestal. Michael Shore and Bradley Shore received All-State Awards.

## Towards the ideals of peace

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.



**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**  
**21 SEPTEMBER 2012**

SUSTAINABLE PEACE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



## Cleaning House

Last week I threw out worrying, it was getting old and in the way.  
It kept me from being new, I couldn't do things God's way.  
I threw out a book on My Past (Didn't have time to read it anyway).  
Replaced it with New Goals, started reading it today.  
I threw out hate and bad memories (Remember how I treasured them so?)  
Got me a New Philosophy too, threw out the one thing from long ago.  
Brought in some new books too called I Can, I Will and I Must;  
Threw out I Might, I think and I Ought. WOW, you should've seen the dust.

I ran across an Old Friend, I hadn't talked to in a while.  
His name is God the Father and I really like His style.  
He helps me to do some cleaning and added some things Himself.  
Like Prayer, Hope, Faith and Love. Yes . . . I placed them right on the shelf.  
I picked up this special thing and placed it at the front door.  
I found it – It's called **PEACE**. Now, nothing gets me down anymore.







# CHILDREN

## From Angie:

**Children's Church**  
**at 11:00 AM**



**Volunteer: Franklin Shore**

## September 16 --"God Is Love"

**Volunteer:** Adam Hutchins

### F0J Meetings:

## September 9

## "Taming Our Tongue"

Snacks: Tracy Ray

## September 23–

## "Only God"

### Snacks: Shannon Buelin



## Want to earn money while helping the Hungry?

Join with other Churches in Yadkin County and **Yadkin County Farm Bureau** to collect food for Yadkin Christian Ministries. "This year the Yadkin County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors is reaching out to our churches to help in flooding Yadkin Christian Ministries with donations!"

Collect Food from **now – October 28**. The three Yadkin County churches whose youth collect the most food will receive awards for their youth groups. Yadkin County Farm Bureau Board is anxious to see what church can be the “**Top Dog**” winner.

**1<sup>st</sup> place – \$500.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place – \$250.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place – \$100.00**



**Collect food and keep a log:** Collect fresh food from church member's gardens – Keep a record of the time spent gleaning someone's garden. Keep count of the canned food collected, hours volunteered and weights of all fresh food.

You may bring food to any young person's Sunday School classroom and it will be collected by the Youth Directors.

Let's make a great effort toward being the "Top Dog"!



**Yadkin County Farm Bureau &**

**Yadkin Christian Ministries**

### ***Fresh Food Drive***

**Church Information Form & Log**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DATES OF DRIVE: FROM SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012. ALL LOG FORMS MUST BE IN THE YADKINVILLE FARM BUREAU OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 5PM.**

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**PLEASE WEIGH YOUR ITEMS PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO YCM, USING WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YOU. IF YOU WEIGH WITH A COMPUTER SCALE PLEASE SUBMIT PRINTED TICKETS. YOU CAN WEIGH FRESH & NON PERISHABLE ITEMS TOGETHER. YCM IS OPEN 9AM-12PM MONDAY-FRIDAY. FRESH FOOD SHOULD BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS IT IS COLLECTED. FILL OUT LOG AFTER EACH TRIP TO YCM. FILL FREE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS LOG, JUST MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS FILLED OUT FULLY ON EACH SHEET. PLEASE BE TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE IN ALL NUMBERS TURNED IN.**

The Above is True and Accurate to the best of knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be signed by the Pastor/Youth Coordinator)



# Thank you

I wanted to say, "thank you", to all the kids from FOJ who made me cards of encouragement last week at their meeting and also to Angie for her lesson on praying for leaders, preachers, and teachers. I cannot wait to put these awesome cards up in my office!!

Love you all, Georgianne





### **Mission Trip – Choctaw, Alabama (An outreach of North Carolina Yearly Meeting)**

During the week of July 16, 10 individuals from our meeting helped with VBS and other ministries at Choctaw. Last month we included a page showing the group and examples of each individual's work with the children. However, their names were not included. We appreciate the work of this mission team and hope that others will join them in the future. Wearing their shirts with the theme, "abandon", left to right front row: David Hopkins, Trace Collins, Shannon Shore, Angie Brendle, Taylor Ray, Back row: Jared Warden, Jacob Brendle, Jake Shore, Jason Ball, Gwyn Shore



### **Three of Our Youth At Quaker Lake**



Audra Holt, Alli Jones and Ashlyn Steelman spent the week of July 1-6 at Quaker Lake. They had a great time at Senior High Week with all the activities offered. Ashlyn and Audra are pictured with their counselor, Tiffany in the center. Alli was not able to be there for the photo.

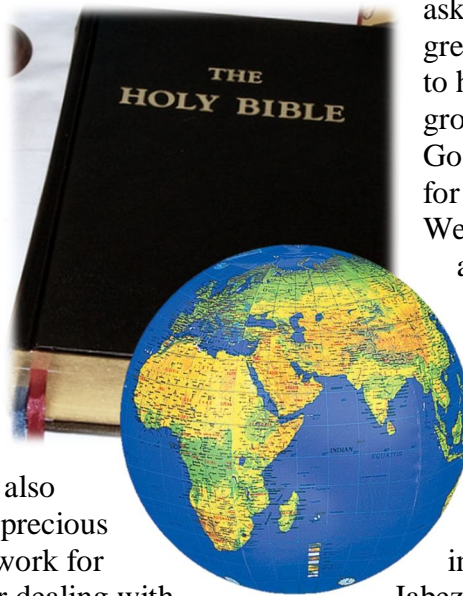




# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

**A**ugust is almost over, vacations are winding down, school is back in session and fall is just around the corner. August is always an interesting month that is full of change! Our kids started back to school in a different grade bringing about it's own set of exciting times and challenges. Some also moved up to a different kids groups and Sunday School classes at Deep Creek as well, bringing excitement, challenges and the potential for growth. We can grow in many different ways, but the most important type of growth is spiritual growth.

As the **Youth** and **DOGS** (Disciples of God's Spirit) start back to school at a different stage in life, facing new situations and challenges, it is important to be grounded with a firm foundation in the Word of God. At our first regular meeting of the month, our topic was: *The World vs. The Bible*. We observed some of the world's views of the Bible compared to the Christian view and it's uses. We learned that the Bible is used for correction, guidance and sharing. We also learned that the Bible is pure, perfect, precious and powerful. It serves as the groundwork for spiritual growth and the foundation for dealing with change and challenges. We observed why it is so important to know the Word of God.



At our next meeting, the **Youth** and **DOGS** both looked at our future and how God plays a role. The question was asked: "If we had the ability to look into the future and see what our lives would be like, would we want to see?" While most of the answers were "No," it would be interesting to know just how God would use us in the future. Perhaps the better questions are "Do we want God to use us?" and "Have we asked God to use us more in our lives?". Our scripture focus came from 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 and John 15:1-8. The first scripture is the prayer of Jabez. In this prayer, Jabez asks God to increase his territory and protect him from harm and evil. He

asked great things in great faith from a great God and received them. If we are to have the opportunities for spiritual growth and the ability to do more for God we must ask, in faith, our great God for new opportunities and challenges. We must also stay connected to the vine and vinegrower as Jesus instructs in John 15. If we are to bear fruit for God, we (as the branches) must stay connected to Jesus (the vine) who was sent by God (the vinegrower). If we abide in him as he abides in us, the fruit of our lives will be plentiful. May we step out in faith wanting to do more for God as Jabez asked and may we also stay connected to Christ so that we may bear fruit for His kingdom.

As the season changes and our lives change, may we remember to be grounded in the word and open to God's plans!

I am excited to see what God has in store for Deep Creek in the coming months! I know He is at work!

Blessings,  
Jared

**Mark your Calendar:**

**October 28**

**Trunk 'N Treat**

**Hot Dog Supper**

**Find your costume!**

**Yadkin Harvest Festival – September 15 In Yadkinville**

See page 6 for **Deep Creek T-Shirt** Order form.

Last day to order – September 30

See page 8 (Children's page) for youth Food Collection information.

Watch for announcements about regular meetings and other events.



The **DOGS** Enjoyed a Pizza and Pool Party at the Home of Michael and Sarah Ray.  
Thanks to the both of them for hosting our party.



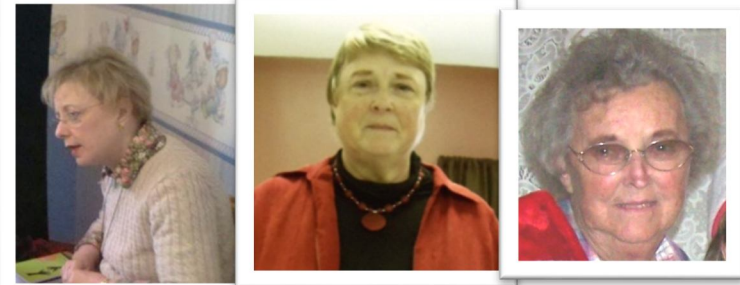
We had a  
Blast!





## Congratulations

### Three Women honored at Worship Ann Klett, Cathy Harper and Ethel Smith



were recognized in a moving presentation by Quaker Young Women President, Jean Hutchens, during morning worship August 26. Each of them have spent many hours of volunteer work for the benefit of others and service to the church. They were each presented a certificate and pin recognizing this honor and in appreciation of their contributions, given by the Missionary Circles, making them members of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship which recognizes this kind of work. A contribution has been made in their honor to the fellowship which funds scholarships and mission works.

### Jason Ball at Eagle Ceremony

Jason Ball was very honored to be representing his troop #655 as life rank at David Pearson Jr's. Eagle Ceremony at Union Grove Baptist Church in Yadkinville August 22. Jason has always looked up to David as a wonderful mentor to him.



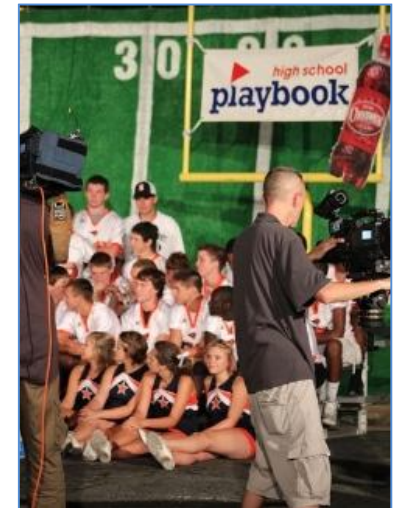
### Starmount High

#### Game of the Week at WXii TV

Starmount High School was chosen as the first for the season WXII Chanel 12 football Game of The Week *high school playbook* and appeared on the Friday night 11:00 PM and Saturday morning Sports News. The Starmount team was thrilled to have won this game with Mt Airy 30 to 14!

**Mason Welborn**, son of Mark and Teresa Welborn is a player on the football team and was present at the station.

**Shannon Shore**, daughter of Franklin and Anita Shore, is a member of the Cheerleading squad and was selected by her peers as one of the captains. She was also at the station.



## Sunday, September 9 – Grandparents Day

Kids – aren't they wonderful? Can you remember a time when your life was more joyful than now? Kids laugh an average of 150 times a day, adults about 10. What's happened to us? Somewhere between childhood innocence and now, life has become too grim! And besides, who says that being a Christian means a long face? It's time to laugh more!

The one enthroned in heaven laughs. Psalms 2:4







### THE BAPTIST WHITE LIE CAKE

Have you ever told a white lie?

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack for scout camp. When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!"

So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet Paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect. And, before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified-she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake. And would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south, and to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "what a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."

Contributed by Angie Brendle



## REMEMBER TO **PRAY** – Prayer changes things!

The following information is included by request. **Be specific when you pray** and send notes.

**\*This color indicates an addition or change from last month.**

### Among those requesting prayer:

**Pray for special needs of members, friends and relatives and celebrate God's care.**

*Contact the editor for information*

### Remember our College Students in Prayer

#### ADDRESS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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### DON'T GIVE UP

**N**othing lasts the way it used to in the “good old days.” At least, that’s what I am always hearing. When we rented a little old house from the little old man who lived next door, we were blessed with the use of his old stove. It was a huge, enamel contraption – the size and color of Moby Dick. We were stunned to learn that the sweet little couple next door had purchased it the year they had been married, and they had just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The fifty-year-old appliance had hung in there through the years like a trooper! During the time when I used that old stove, I went through two vacuum cleaners, two toasters, three hand mixers, and a popcorn popper. In this hasty society, with our throwaway mentality, I don’t want to break down like my long line of mixers. I want to endure like my big old behemoth of a stove!

Perhaps there is little immediate satisfaction in what you have been called to do, but if you will faithfully push on through the night the Lord is the one who carries a reward in His hands.

Shela Walsh



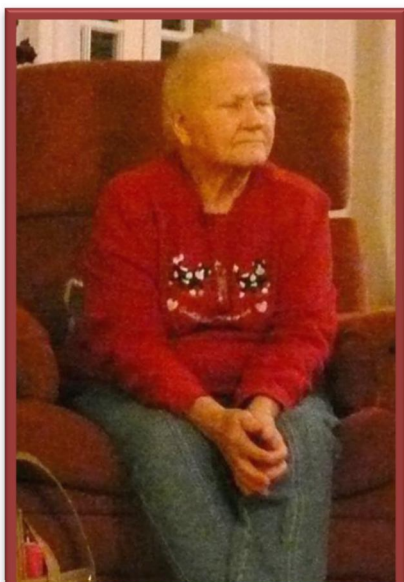
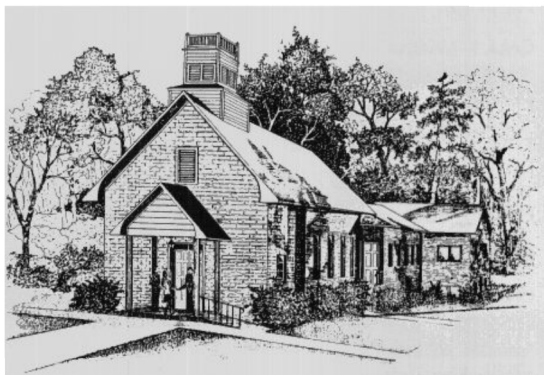


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