



# The Encourager

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

1st Cor 13:27

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

March, 2014

## The Busy Trap

New York Times writer, Tim Kreider says, "If you live in America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century you've probably had to listen to a lot of people tell you how busy they are. It's become the default response when you ask someone how they're doing: 'Busy!' 'So busy.' 'Crazy busy.'" No wonder we are "busy"... we all have so many activities to distract us that weren't even available to our grandparents. But, we also have more leisure time to enjoy these activities than Papa and Granny did. Our grandparents worked Monday thru Saturday and Sunday was their Sabbath. Yet, today, even our Sundays have become busy!

Take this past Sunday for instance, it was a beautiful day, as I rode by a local park and it was full of folks out walking, jogging, and playing in the park. There were kids down the road at the local ball field practicing baseball and one field over others were chasing a soccer ball. The dollar store parking lot was filled to overflowing. In spite of the wonderful weather that afternoon, most southern men were preoccupied with the first race of NASCAR. All of these are terrific things to do, but they also present a danger when they prevent us from worshiping the Lord.

I love the weekend!! Everyone loves the weekend. These are two days when we get to choose what we want to do. For many, the activities are errands they didn't accomplish during the week...grocery shopping, washing the car, doing laundry, cleaning the house, and so on. For others, Saturday and Sunday provide a break from a hard week on the job, a great time to relax.

Yes, weekends are fun to look forward to. Unfortunately, worship doesn't always fit into our busy weekend schedule. Because of changing values in America, attendance at your church of choice is becoming a lower and lower weekend priority for many.

*"Serve [worship] the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing." ~ Psalm 100:2*

The opportunity to worship God with gladness is a freedom we too often take for granted. Being at church on the weekend is a divine appointment we must strive to keep. The weekend affords us plenty of hours to do the other things we want to do, without having to skip church.

Parents can help children recognize and heed this important weekly commitment of corporate worship. Children notice the place of importance (or unimportance) Mom and Dad put on worshipping God. If they see that on a busy weekend, God is the first one cut out of the scheduled activities, the message they'll receive is that God is really a pretty low priority. When moms and dads are faithful to being a vital part of a local church, the kids will notice and build similar commitment into their own lives. There's simply nothing that compares with a family who delights in attending church together...filling the sanctuary with our presence, our songs of praise, our tithes and offerings, and with our joy in hearing God's Word.

I am grateful to serve a Meeting where so many families choose to worship God with gladness and see the value in putting God first in the life of their family every day...especially on Sunday!

*Father God, We get so busy that we often forget what's really important. May our families be faithful in the matter of honoring You on the Lord's Day. Thank you for reminding me that we are to worship You with gladness. Amen.*

Under His Grace, **Georgianne**

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TO.**

-ROB BELL

**Sunday, March 2 at 9:00 AM**

**Monthly Meeting will meet in the Fellowship Hall**

Come participate in the business of the meeting.  
Breakfast refreshments will be provided  
by Ministry and Counsel member, Vickie Warden.

Saturday, March 1 – 11:00 AM  
NCYM Representative B0dy Meeting  
@ Quaker Lake

**Sunday, March 9**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**



**NOTE: YOUNG ADULTS**

**March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st** - We will have Monday night Bible Study beginning at 7:00 at the youth parsonage! All Young Adults are welcome to attend.

*(Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal for this group.)*

Jared

Check Page 3 for Revival and special services.

**Building Fund Offering**

According to action taken at Monthly Meeting, the regular time for Building Fund Offering has been changed from once a month to once each quarter. It will be the Sunday School Offering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the first month of the quarter beginning with April 13. Of course you may mark your check or envelope anytime.

**EDITORS NOTE:**

Thank you all, our readers, for your comments, suggestions and contributions for the newsletter.

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- If you wish to add someone to our list, send us the address.

**Special Music for Worship Services – March**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Brendle  
9<sup>th</sup> The Choir  
16<sup>th</sup> Ginger Holt  
23<sup>rd</sup> The Choir  
30<sup>th</sup> The Road Show



Submitted by Vickie Warden

**Greeting the People – March**

2 Louis & Libby Shore  
9 Leon & Janet Robbins  
16 Jay & Angie Brendle  
23 Michael & Sarah Ray  
30 Brian & Tracy Ray



Submitted by Teresa Welborn

**Children's Church Assistants – March**

2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Buelin  
16<sup>th</sup> Trevor Collins



Submitted by Angie Brendle

**Nursery Workers for Worship – March**

2<sup>nd</sup> Bracky & Gail Hemric  
9<sup>th</sup> Brenda Shore & Priscilla Shore  
16<sup>th</sup> Tommy & Cathy Shore  
23<sup>rd</sup> Donna Raines & Skyler Raines  
30<sup>th</sup> Janet Robbins & Ashley Dezern



Submitted by Roger Holt

**Sanctuary Flowers – March**

**Generations Sunday School Class**

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



Submitted by Angie Brendle

**The Choir Will Practice:**  
**March 2 and 16 at 5:00 PM**



**Handbell Practice:**  
**4:00 PM - March 9, 16, 30 and April 6**

**Reminder:**

**COLLEGE STUDENTS Deadline** - Applications are due no later than March 15 for the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarships. All forms are online at <http://ncym-fum.org/cooperating.html>.

**Complete everything - MAIL** completed forms to:  
LeeVan Hughes  
1470 Pinefield Drive  
Sophia, NC 27350  
Questions? See Jean Hutchins or Janet Robbins.

Funds needed per month to meet budget is \$9,544.24.  
Funds received in February - \$9,256.45.

Thank you for your support.

Brenda Shore, Treasurer





**JAMES MACDONALD**

# Authentic

## Developing the Disciplines of a Sincere Faith

Has Hypocrisy Crept Into Your Life? It doesn't just happen overnight. Drifting into hypocrisy is a long, drawn-out journey away from God's best for your life and toward a two-faced existence. How do you know when your inner self has deteriorated when you've become an expert at presenting a faithful-looking

facade? Hold up the mirror of God's Word! Take a good look. Acting like a Christian and saying all the right words are just empty piety and lead nowhere good. If you want to live that vibrant life, if you want to be truly blessed, you must get after the disciplines of genuine faith. Follow along with Pastor James MacDonald on the road toward Truth and explore the disciplines of personal Bible study, personal prayer, fasting, fellowship, and service for Christ. Become the real deal. Be authentic.

**New Bible Study to begin Wednesday,  
March 5th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**Workbook Cost: \$12.00**

**Book Cost: \$15.00**

Neither the book or workbook are necessary for you to participate in this study, they only enhance the study. Please sign up if you are interested in this Bible study outside the church office.

### REVIVAL MUSIC:

*Great Music is in Store for Our Services*

Sunday Evening – **The Mickles Family**

This group sang for us last June

Monday Evening – **Stan Bobbit Band**

Sang for us on Graduation Sunday

Tuesday Evening – **Sweet Hollow**

Blue Grass sang and played for our Chicken Stew

Wednesday Evening – **One More Time**

Steve Wood, Interim Pastor at Forsyth Friends Meeting  
Recently presented a program of music at Pilot View

**Georgianne will be speaking at Holly Spring Friends Meeting Revival Services March 9-12.**

Sunday evening service will begin at 6:30 PM and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Show up and support her if you can and enjoy the worship and fellowship with their congregation.

**March 9, 11:00 AM –**

**Speaker for Deep Creek Worship:**

***Craig Shore***

One of our young adults, Craig, is the son of Tommy and Cathy Shore and is now working at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, GA. We look forward to having Craig as our speaker again.

### **Deep Creek Revival**

**March 23-26**

**Sunday - *Senior Citizen Appreciation Day***

**11:00 AM: Speaker – *Michael Thames*,  
Pastor of Forbush Friends Meeting**

**Noon - Carry In Lunch**

*Honoring our Seniors*

*Bring a basket of your favorite foods to share and fellowship together.*

**Evening Services – 7:00 PM**

**Sunday –**

***Michael Thames***

**Monday –**

***Randy Quate*, Superintendent,  
North Carolina Yearly Meeting**

**Tuesday –**

***Andy Lambert* – Associate  
Pastor in charge of evangelism  
at Mt. Tabor Methodist Church  
& Former pastor, Forbush  
Friends Meeting**

**Wednesday –**

**Speaker to be announced**

### **Especially for the Children:**

**The speaker for each night will have a special children's sermon with them**

## Reminder:

### Yadkin Christian Ministries

#### "Empty Bowls"

Place: Yadkinville United  
Methodist Church

Date: March 11, 2014

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Ticket Price: \$20.00

Call 336-677-3080

"Support the ministry of YCM"

Pike  
Sullivan

## Food for the Hungry

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me." **Matthew 25:40**

Dear Friends,

You will be happy to know that "Souper" Bowl donations were in excess of \$13,000.00, exceeding last year's total. Your 213 donated items and \$630.00 helped to bring this about. Thank You!

Please do not forget to purchase your ticket for Empty Bowls, which will be held March 11 at the Yadkinville Methodist Church. It's always a fun time - good food, good social time, a piece of pottery, and another chance to help YCM take care of those in need around us.

Your continued help with canned goods (pinto beans, tomatoes, carrots, etc.) will be a tremendous gift.

Thank you again for all you do to further God's kingdom.

*Phyllis Barnes*



**The Quaker Young Women will meet**  
**Monday, March 17th at 7:00 PM**  
Deep Creek Fellowship Hall  
Hostesses: Cathy Shore and Donna Terrell.  
*Angie Brandle*

**Circle # 1 next meeting**  
**Will be April 14 at 7:00 PM**  
Church Lounge

## Looking ahead –

**The NC USFW Spring Conference** will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Quaker Lake Camp. There are plans to take Deep Creek's van if enough ladies would like to attend. More information to come.

**NC Quaker Men Spring Fling** - May 5 at 6:00 PM  
New Hope Friends Meeting in Goldsboro.

*NC FDS is needed more in Aurora, NC than in New Bern as originally planned.*



## Hurricane Relief March 16 – 21

### Build a House - Aurora, (Beaufort County) *North Carolina*



*The high winds of Hurricane Irene during August, 2011, are still felt by families in eastern North Carolina. We will work with Methodist Disaster Recovery again to build a house for a family trying to recover from the disastrous storm*

The client's name is Diane Clark. She is a widow. She has a job and works every day. Her home was severely damaged by Hurricane Irene; the roof was blown off and caused extensive water damage. Once we made our construction assessment we determined it was beyond repair. Diane moved in with her dad and older sister (who is on dialysis) after the storm. Last year Diane's father died and because of circumstances the two daughters were not able to keep their father's property (it was lost to the bank). This home that we are building will replace the home that Diane lost but it will also be a home for her older sister to live out her life. This project is a very worthy cause and we have taken it on even though the funds are not all available. We are seeking to partner with other groups to provide both funds and volunteer labor to make this home a reality. These two ladies have been down in spirit for so long and it is now a wonderful thing to see their spirits lifted. I am confident that God will provide all that is necessary to fulfill what is needed to complete this home. We look forward to our partnership together to make this home a reality and bring Glory to God.

*Cliff Harvell, Methodist Disaster Recovery*



- **Leave North Carolina Yearly Meeting Office Sunday, March 16, at 2:00 PM.** Return Friday, March 21.
- **Lodging** will be at the Methodist Disaster Recovery Aurora Facility, "**The Church of the Holy Cross**".
- To participate, contact Wiley @ (336) 679-8466 or [wshore@yadtel.net](mailto:wshore@yadtel.net).



## Craig Shore to go on Mission Trip to Africa

### How Can You Support This Ministry?

*I am writing to inform you that I will be going on a mission trip to Uganda!*

*I feel called to go with Stonebridge Church (the church I now attend in Georgia), on June 22-28, 2014, to Africa for a mission trip. I will be going with SixtyFeet and am asking for financial support and prayers (total cost of the trip amounts to \$3,000). Craig*

According to the most recent estimates, there are approximately 2.5 million orphans in Uganda, East Africa, over a million of whom are a direct result of AIDS. In a country where the median age is only 15, as many as 1 in 6 children under the age of 17 is an orphan. Outside Kampala there is a place where some of these abandoned, unloved and neglected children are kept. And this is where our story begins...

Not long ago a woman was on her way out of Kampala and drove past a dilapidated old sign that read "M": Rehabilitation Center for Children. She was drawn to learn more about the place so she turned down a long, winding dirt road until she came to the end. To her horror, she found rooms of children locked up, young kids chained to windows, and even a 10 day old, malnourished and living in her own urine. She saw hundreds of children with little food and no supervision. As horrific as this was, on that day God began a glorious story of redemption for these children.

Word of "M" made its way to the shores of America and hearts were completely broken. It was clear there was a call to step up and do something.

SixtyFeet was born out of a desire to participate in God's work at "M." It was born out of a yearning to share the love of Jesus Christ in a tangible and meaningful way. To care for and minister to orphans who are otherwise treated as common prisoners. In short, SixtyFeet is a response to the gospel.

Unfortunately, we soon realized that "M" was not unique. There are other facilities, called *remand centers*, around Uganda where children are held. They were created for children who have committed a crime, but the worst part is the vast majority of the children have not committed any crime. Mostly, they are simply unwanted. They are street beggars who have been rounded up by the police, unwanted children who have been dropped off by as stepparent, handicapped and mentally disabled orphans and orphaned refugees fleeing war torn countries in Africa. So far we know of seven facilities. Our mission has grown exponentially.

SixtyFeet was created to bring hope and healing to these children through the love of Jesus Christ. We are improving the facilities by providing clean water, sanitation, bedding, clothing, medical care, nutritious food and school fees. We are also working to remove the most vulnerable children and place them in a loving, safe environment.



**Why SixtyFeet?** – At the turn of the 20th century, Winston Churchill described Uganda as "the Pearl of Africa" because of the beauty of the land. Indeed, in this lush African country, there is no shortage of water. Yet much of the water in Uganda is polluted. Experts tell us, often less than 60 feet down, they find crystal clear, clean water.

It's not just about the water. We know God loves these orphan children at "M". Everything does seem just out of their reach, but we are doing something about it.

It doesn't take much to go sixty feet.

SixtyFeet is about changing lives forever.

To donate to Craig's mission trip, write your check to Deep Creek Friends Meeting and make a notation for "Craig Shore" For more information, you can contact Craig at [pfeiffer3811@gmail.com](mailto:pfeiffer3811@gmail.com) or by mail at 1100 South Marietta Parkway SE MSC 29, Marietta, GA 30060.

Thanks and God bless,

*Craig*



# Opportunity for Mission

**Our fellow Quaker Christians suffer in other parts of the world. In an effort to help these Friends, North Carolina Yearly Meeting has asked each of the Quarterly Meetings to take one of these missions to help. Yadkin Quarter has been given the Turkana Mission in Kenya, East Africa. Our Deep Creek children have found a creative way to do their part for the children and families in that part of the world.**

**They hope you will find a place in your heart to help them.**

## Change for Turkana



Turkana Friends Mission was started in 1970 in response to a serious drought. Today, Turkana Friends Mission plays an important role in the region.

Change being collected by the Middler and Primary Sunday School classes will be sent to the mission and could directly impact education, water supplies,

evangelism or outreach for individuals living in this arid region of the world.

Be prepared to help our children help others by bringing your change (and bills too) on second and fourth Sundays during worship.



### Plan now to attend

Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting  
Training Opportunity

### Hold the Date

Saturday, March 8, 2014

9AM - 12PM

Branon Friends Meeting

### Topic for this training event

"Strategies for working with small groups of children and youth"

This is a quarter wide event and is for any and all Friends now working or interested in working with children and youth.

### Spread the word!

More information will be coming to you soon.



From Angie:

# CHILDREN



Children's Church at 11:00 AM

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - "Animals In Heaven"

Volunteer - Shannon Buelin

March 16<sup>th</sup> - "The Holy Spirit Helps Us  
When We Pray"

Volunteer - Trevor Collins

FOJ Meetings:

March 9th @ 5:00pm - "Living Forever  
with God"

Snacks - Tracy Ray

\*March 23rd - NO FOJ due to Church Revival

## FOJ

Get Ready, We're going **GREEN** with a **GREEN JESUS** Themed Lock-in

Deep Creek Fellowship Hall

Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

Food...Crafts...Games...Fun...and lots of **GREEN**

Bring a sleeping bag, pj's, and a toothbrush.

ON FRIDAY wear lots of **GREEN**

For more information contact Angie Brendle.

**BIBLE CHALLENGE:** Look in the Bible and find a piece of scripture on the trinity.

Bring it with you and receive a prize!



The Children Enjoyed a  
Valentine Event at  
Friends Of Jesus





# February Children's Church

During the month of February, the kids filled packages for two of our member's extended family who serve in the military. We enjoyed filling the packages with personal items, snacks and cards of encouragement made by each of the children.

We are being reminded to pray for those who serve our country on a daily basis.

The recipients of the boxes were:

☺ Shannon Stout, Rhonda Moran's cousin, who is serving as a doctor in Spain.

☺ Kyle Weatherman, Anna Welborn's brother, who is on a ship traveling to different areas, but spent time serving in Russia during the Olympics.





# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

*From Jared*

February has been a fun and blessing filled month at Deep Creek. We started the month off with Super Bowl party with the **Youth** and **DOGS**. It was an awesome evening filled with games and a lot of laughter. While there wasn't much football watching it was great to see the kids enjoying each other in fellowship and having fun playing games. Many thanks to Bill and Donna Terrell for hosting our party!

The Youth also attended Winterjam, a contemporary Christian concert in Greensboro. It was an evening filled with worshipping youth and adults from all over the triad region. One of the artists had a very memorable quote: "The only difference between me and a person in the deepest, darkest pit of hell, is the grace of God through Jesus." The music of that evening was wonderful, but I couldn't help but hang on to that quote.



Because of the grace of God through Jesus, we can spend an eternity with Him in Heaven. This quote stuck with me because the Dogs and Youth have been going through the "Heaven is for Real" curriculum. We continued this study during February, looking at the questions of: When does a person go to Heaven?, Who is the God of Heaven?, Where is Heaven? and How do I get to Heaven?. This study has been great for many reasons, but the greatest reason is that it reinforces the importance of salvation. In order to spend eternity in Heaven, we must believe that God loved the world and sent Jesus as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, so that we may spend eternity with Him. Heaven is going to be beyond any words we could use to describe it's wonder and glory.

May we remember the love of God and the sacrifice of Christ each day. May we believe in Christ and let His love fill our hearts so that our lives may be transformed. May we show His love to others every single day and remember to place emphasis on those things with eternal significance!

Blessings,  
Jared



## Youth & DOGS Upcoming Events

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Youth & **DOGS** Ski Trip to WINTERPLACE, WV - Meet at 7:30 am at the church.

March 8th - **DOGS**/Youth Service Project. Meet at the church. at 10:30.

March 9th - **DOGS** @ 5:00 (Jean Hutchins Snacks)  
**Youth** @ 6:30 (Tracy Ray Snacks)

March 14/15th - **DOGS** Lock-in! Time: TBA

March 23rd: Revival Services - No **DOGS** or **Youth** Meetings!

## Congratulations

### Luke Hobson Celebrates birthday



Luke Hobson turned three years old February 18, 2014. He had a little birthday party at his Nana's house with a Birthday Cake and some presents. He was really excited and enjoyed it very much. He enjoyed the presents most of all. Since Luke is beginning to be a grown-up little boy, three days a week, he now attends a day care with some planned learning activities. His parents are Jeff and Amy Hobson and he is the grandson of Nana Martha Hobson.

### Maddox Wel born dedicated



Sunday, February 23, during Worship, Maddox Gage Welborn, born December 31, 2013, was presented for dedication to the church by his parents, Garrett and Anna Welborn. Standing with them were Grandparents, Mark and Teresa Welborn and Susan and Tim Weatherman; Great-grandfather, Jack Shore, Great-grandparents Marion and Jewell Welborn and Mac and Carol Weatherman; Aunt Samantha Welborn, and Uncles Mitch and Mason Welborn. Pastor Georgianne Satterfield held Maddox for presentation to the church and a prayer of dedication.

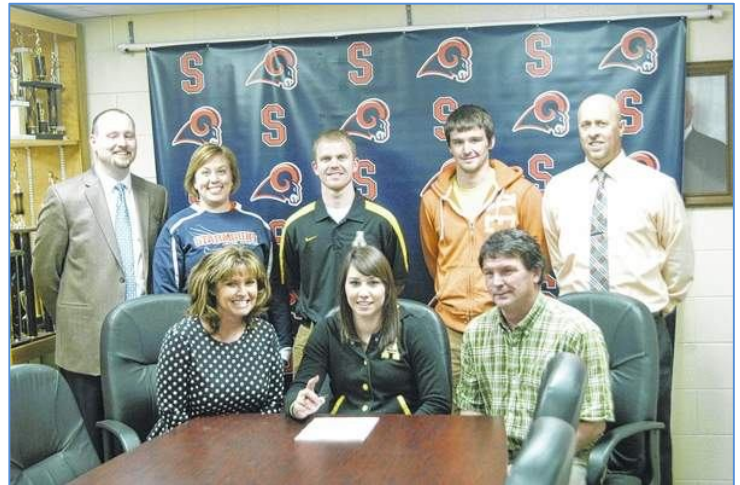


### Hunter Wel born Wins Again



She has done it again! Hunter Welborn has won another state championship. Everyone in Boonville is congratulating Hunter for winning the State Champion Triple Jump and the High Jump. Hunter is a senior at Starmount High School. Her hard work is paying off and we all celebrate with her.

### Samantha Wel born Signs With appalachian



Samantha Welborn, a senior at Starmount High School, signed a letter of intent to attend Appalachian State University. She has been called a standout in track and field starring in the discus and shot put at Starmount and will throw the javelin and possibly the weight and hammer at ASU under Coach April Smith. Alongside her for the signing were her parents, Mark and Teresa Welborn, brother Mitch, Principal Cody Hemric, Athletic Director Scott Carter, and coaches Emily Curtis and Rocky Horton.





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

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

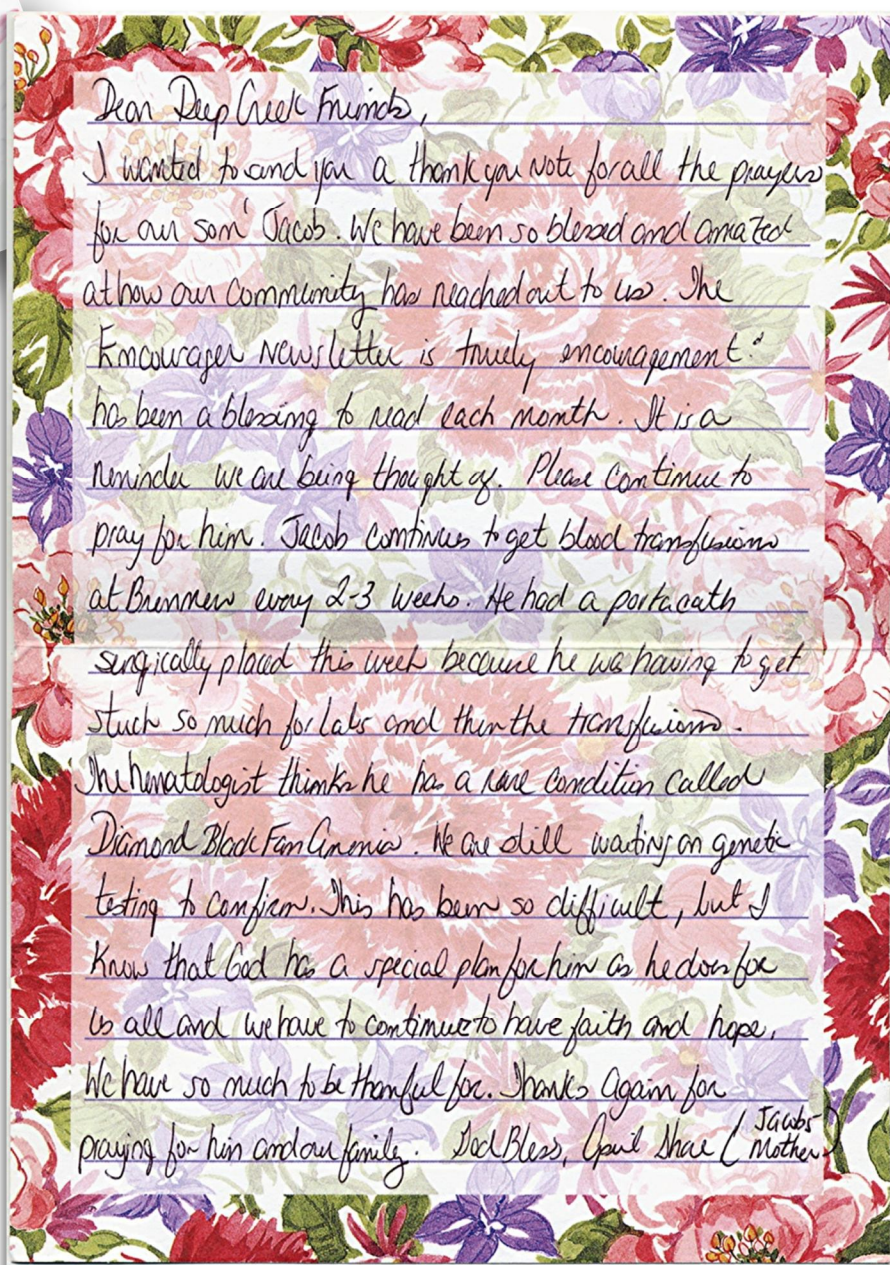
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Among those requesting prayer:

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

*Contact the editor for information*

*A Thank You Note for Your Prayers:*





## The Pastor and His Son

Every Sunday afternoon, after the morning service at the church, the Pastor and his eleven year old son would go out into their town and hand out Gospel Tracts.

This particular Sunday afternoon, as it came time for the Pastor and his son to go to the streets with their tracts, it was very cold outside, as well as pouring down rain. The boy bundled up in his warmest and driest clothes and said, "OK, dad, I'm ready."

His Pastor dad asked, "Ready for what?"

"Dad, it's time we gather our tracts together and go out."

Dad responds, "Son, it's very cold outside and it's pouring down rain."

The boy gives his dad a surprised look, asking, "But Dad, aren't people still going to Hell, even though it's raining?"

Dad answers, "Son, I am not going out in this weather."

Despondently, the boy asks, "Dad, can I go? Please?"

His father hesitated for a moment then said, "Son, you can go. Here are the tracts, be careful son."

"Thanks Dad!" And with that, he was off and out into the rain. This eleven year old boy walked the streets of the town going door to door and handing everybody he met in the street a Gospel Tract.

After two hours of walking in the rain, he was soaking, bone-chilled wet and down to his VERY LAST TRACT. He stopped on a corner and looked for someone to hand a tract to, but the streets were totally deserted.

Then he turned toward the first home he saw and started up the sidewalk to the front door and rang the door bell. He rang the bell, but nobody answered....He rang it again and again, but still no one answered. He waited but still no answer.

Finally, this eleven year old trooper turned to leave, but something stopped him....

Again, he turned to the door and rang the bell and knocked loudly on the door with his fist. He waited, something holding him there on the front porch. He rang again and this time the door slowly opened.

Standing in the doorway was a very sad-looking elderly lady. She softly asked, "What can I do for you, son?"

With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, "Ma'am, I'm sorry if I disturbed you, but I just want to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU! and I came to give you my very last Gospel Tract which will tell you all about JESUS and His great LOVE."

With that, he handed her his last tract and turned to leave.

She called to him as he departed. "Thank you, son! ... And God Bless You!"

Well, the following Sunday morning in church Pastor Dad was in the pulpit. As the service began, he asked, "Does anybody have a testimony or want to say anything?"

Slowly, in the back row of the church, an elderly lady stood to her feet. As she began to speak, a look of glorious radiance came from her face. "No one in this church knows me. I've never been here before."

"You see, before last Sunday I was not a Christian. My husband passed on some time ago, leaving me totally alone in this world. Last Sunday, being a particularly cold and rainy day, it was even more so in my heart that I came to the end of the line where I no longer had any hope or will to live. So I took a rope and a chair and ascended the stairway into the attic of my home.... I fastened the rope securely to a rafter in the roof, then stood on the chair and fastened the other end of the rope around my neck. Standing on that chair, so lonely and brokenhearted, I was about to leap off, when suddenly the loud ringing of my doorbell downstairs startled me. I thought, 'I'll wait a minute, and whoever it is will go away.'

"I waited and waited, but the ringing doorbell seemed to get louder and more insistent, and then the person ringing also started knocking loudly. I thought to myself again, 'Who on earth could this be? Nobody ever rings my bell or comes to see me.' I loosened the rope from my neck and started for the front door, all the while the bell rang louder and louder."

"When I opened the door and looked, I could hardly believe my eyes, for there on my front porch was the most radiant and angelic little boy I had ever seen in my life. His SMILE, oh, I could never describe it to you!"

"The words that came from his mouth caused my heart that had long been dead, to leap to life as he exclaimed with a cherub-like voice, 'Ma'am, I just came to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU!' Then he gave me this Gospel Tract that I now hold in my hand."

As the little angel disappeared back out into the cold and rain, I closed my door and read slowly every word of this Gospel Tract. Then I went up to my attic to get my rope and chair. I wouldn't be needing them any more. You see – I am now a Happy Child of the KING. Since the address of your church was on the back of this Gospel Tract, I have come here to personally say THANK YOU to God's little angel who came just in the nick of time and by so doing, spared my soul from an eternity in hell."

There was not a dry eye in the church. And as shouts of praise and honor to THE KING resounded off the very rafters of the building, Pastor Dad descended from the pulpit to the front pew where the little angel was seated. He took his son in his arms and sobbed uncontrollably.

Probably no church has had a more glorious moment, and probably this universe has never seen a Papa that was more filled with love and honor for his son... Except for One.

Our Father also allowed His Son, Jesus, to go out into a cold and dark world.....





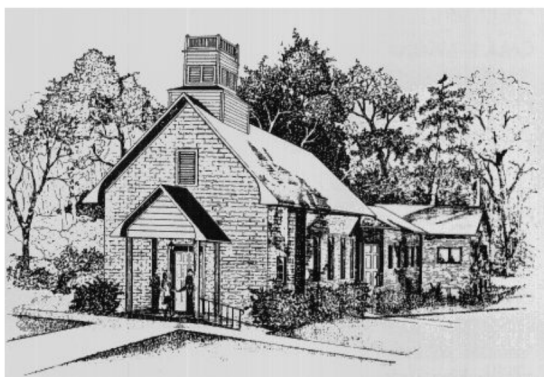


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## Deep Creek Friends Meeting



## Quaker Young Women Missionary Circle at their Valentin Dinner



**Rules to Live By:** The Queries from North Carolina Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice for Missionary Enterprise*.  
*Do you support by prayer and systematic giving those who are laboring to extend Christ's kingdom?*

- Send suggestions, news, information, announcements or materials that you would like included in *The Encourager*.

**Thanks to all who have contributed to this *The Encourager*!**

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