

# The Encourager

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Luke 18:27

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

September, 2015

## DON'T BE A SILO!

Fall is my favorite season. There are so many fall traditions that I look forward to each year such as taking the girls to pick out pumpkins and carving jack-o-lanterns, watching "Charlie Brown Halloween" and college football. One of the most enjoyable fall rituals for me is a one-day drive to the mountains to witness the rich color of a North Carolina autumn. Now I am closer to those mountains than I used to be!

When you take those drives, you begin to notice the landscape, and especially the farms you pass. The structures that are scattered on the land of a farm have a nostalgic affect. Rustic barns make beautiful displays on a vibrant fall stage. Long spans of wooden fencing with cows grazing in the crisp fall air make for a comforting scene. Maybe you notice an old tractor that is stationed like a sentry on guard, its rusty bronze complexion blends into the yellows, oranges, and reds of the trees. One of the most beautiful sights in these vivid pastoral scenes is a silo. Silos can be found standing alone, or in clusters of two or three. These tall cylinders could be full of stored grain as they stand out on the landscape of a vibrant autumn day.

Recently, the term "silo" has come to reference more than just gigantic storage bins. It is also used to describe a way people relate, or don't relate, to one another. Silos are people, or small groups, who do not connect with the larger organization of which they are a part. When people engage in "silo behavior" they stay isolated from others, they don't take risks; they don't become vulnerable with the group. When they are involved it is only for self-serving purposes.

We can become silos in our approach to the Christian life. A few years ago in *Parade Magazine*, it was reported that new polls show Americans getting more isolated in their spiritual life. People frequently say that they are "spiritual but not religious". Church attendance is one of those things classified as "religious". The article stated, *"Twenty percent of respondents said they go to services anywhere from once a month to a few times a year. Combine them with the 50% who rarely or never attend, and an interesting contrast appears. Although 45% of respondents considered themselves religious, 70% of them said they participate in organized religion sporadically or not at all. That means one-third of the people who identified themselves as religious were only minimally connected to traditional worship."*

We are all aware of family, friends, or neighbors who claim to know Christ, but not the church. Many of these folks never seek out Christian community and thus become silos, but what about those *in* the church? Silos on the farm are often clustered in twos or threes. On any given Sunday, a group of people attending worship could be nothing more than a cluster of silos. These silos enter in with smiles and friendly "hellos", they sit near each other as they take in some "seed" and maybe tuck it away in their own self, and after some more smiles and friendly "goodbyes" they politely leave the building. Anyone of us can become a silo, cut off from others and protective of ourselves. Often the root cause of this is fear, and it cripples the churches' full potential to fulfill its mission. This is not what Jesus had in mind when he told his disciples, *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."* (John 15:12). When we live such self-contained spiritual lives we not only miss the guidance and support of a body of believers, we miss out on a means of grace. God touches our lives through others.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, *"Therefore, the Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's Word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged, for by himself he cannot help himself without belying the truth. He needs his brother man as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation. He needs his brother solely because of Jesus Christ. The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure"* (from *Life Together*)

There is a new landscape in our culture today of privatized spirituality. We must have serious conversations about this trend, and how it can affect our outreach here at Deep Creek, but we also must have conversations about how silo religion can affect our "inreach", our life together. This is one reason we will be beginning a study of the book *I Am A Church Member* this month along with a sermon series. There is a lot we can all learn about what being a church member can mean for our community, our church family, and ourselves. One thing this study and sermon series will emphasize is that we are not meant to be Christians alone.

Silos must be broken. In fact, it often takes brokenness for our guarded, controlled lives to flow out into the lives of others. So, reach out to another Deep Creek friend this week. Make a habit of doing it every week. Talk about our wonderful Savior together and commune with Him together in prayer. Get a copy of *I Am A Church Member* and start reading it. Then when you take that trip to the mountains this fall, enjoy the silos, but vow not to be one.

Randy

## **September 4 - 7, NCYM ANNUAL SESSIONS**

At Black Mountain Blue Ridge Assembly

*Even if you are not registered you can drop in for a day.*

### **\* NOTE Change of Date**

**September 13 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 with Ministry and Counsel member Tony Reece as host.

**September 13 – 5:00 PM**

**Ice Cream Social at the Picnic Shelter**

**Homemade Ice Cream in lots of flavors**

**Desserts and Drinks**

**Come, Bring a Friend and Enjoy**

*\*See Tracy Ray's list and sign up to bring your treat.*

See her at church on Sunday or e-mail, text or call her (336-469-8056 or [tray@wakehealth.edu](mailto:tray@wakehealth.edu)).

*"We need people to make ice cream, other desserts & drinks."*



### **Prayer Partners**

Everyone will have an opportunity to pair up in prayer with our students again this year. From our college adults to our youngest children, they deal with a lot of emotional, physical and spiritual challenges. Prayer is an important part of helping the students stand strong in their faith. It helps them be encouraged and stay connected to their church family. Please check the board in the sanctuary for a name and drop them a text, email, call, card, and definitely PRAY for them daily.

*Angie Brendle*



### **September 26 – NCYM Missions Fair - Quaker Lake**

11:30 – 3:00 Sponsored by Missions Committee, Yearly Meeting mission programs and projects will have display tables and representatives to show and explain their work including MOWA Choctaw, NC Friends Disaster Service, FEMA, the Jamaica Partnership and displays highlighting our FUM projects. The main speaker will be Keevy Harris from Cedar Square Friends Meeting, currently serving in Australia with Youth with a Mission.

**Ministry and Counsel will meet Sunday, September 27 - 6:00 PM** with Tony Reece as host.

### **Special Music for Worship Services – September**

6<sup>th</sup> To Be Announced

13<sup>th</sup> Ruby Brendle

20<sup>th</sup> Walter Shore

27<sup>th</sup> Jacob Brendle and Sydney Matthews

Submitted by Vickie Warden



### **Greeting the People – September**

6<sup>th</sup> Michael & Sarah Ray

13<sup>th</sup> Brian & Tracy Ray

20<sup>th</sup> Roger & Ginger Holt

27<sup>th</sup> Mike & Vicki Shore

Submitted by Teresa Welborn



### **Children's Church Assistants – September**

6<sup>th</sup> Logan Raines

20<sup>th</sup> Destiny Ray

Submitted by Angie Brendle



### **Nursery Workers for Worship – September**

6<sup>th</sup> Donna Raines & Skyler Raines

13<sup>th</sup> Louis & Libby Shore

20<sup>th</sup> Franklin & Anita Shore

27<sup>th</sup> Scott & Amie Brendle

Submitted by Vickie Warden



### **Sanctuary Flowers – September**

**Generations Sunday School Class**

**This month, contact Angie Brendle**

**to place flowers for a special occasion.**

Submitted by Donna Hutchins



### **Presiders for Worship – September**

6<sup>th</sup> Libby Shore

13<sup>th</sup> Vickie Warden

20<sup>th</sup> Tommy Shore

27<sup>th</sup> Tony Reece

Submitted by Ministry and Counsel



### **Worship Message with the Children – September**

13<sup>th</sup> Jacob Brendle

27<sup>th</sup> Vickie Warden

Submitted by Ministry and Counsel



### **September Choir:**

**Will not meet for practice unless announced**



### **Looking Ahead: Mark your Calendar**

**October 4 – Walk For Hunger** (See pg. 4)

**Hospitality Events:** Reminders from Tracy Ray

**Feeding the Schools:**

**October 28** – Starmount Football Team – Soup

**October 31** – Starmount Band – Sandwiches & Chips

**November 6** – Forbush Football Team – Soup

**Sunday, October 25** – Trunk 'n Treat fun for

everyone - Beginning at 6:00 - Until (See Children's Pg for more details) *Need more adults involved for trunks and fun for this ministry event.* From Angie

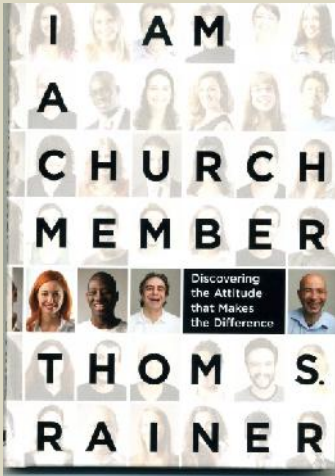
**November 14** – Church Auction with Soup Meal



from Randy:

## 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship

from Vickie Warden



### I Am A Church Member

Beginning on September 13th, Deep Creek will be devoting a season of time to focus on what it means to be a member of a church. We are offering the book "I Am A Church Member" by Thom Rainer, to any person who wants to be a part of this (free of charge). Randy will begin a six-week

sermon series on this topic on the 13th and the Whittier Class will be using this book as their lesson in Sunday School as well. Anyone is free to join the class at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a book, please contact Jay Brendle, Lisa Crowder, or Randy Quate. While this series will be challenging, it will also open us up to a greater joy that comes from being a committed part of a church family. So, join us for this special season of learning and inspiration.

### Visiting Musicians

**September 27** – **Sydney Matthews** will perform with Jacob Brendle. She is the daughter of Matt and Kristi Matthews. Matt is from The Matthews Family that shared music with Deep Creek a while back for a Fifth Sunday Singing. Sydney and her family are members of Forbush Friends Meeting where she is very active in her church. She loves music and has learned to play several instruments including piano, guitar and xylophone. Sydney is a Junior at Forbush High School and plays in the band.

### Thanks

**The Music Committee** would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fellowship/fundraiser meal on Sunday, August 30th. Thanks to those who set up, those who prepared food, those who gave money and those who helped clean up. Special thanks to our guest singers, The Farlows, who not only blessed us with music, but donated their offering back to Deep Creek, split between the Youth Fund and the Sound System. When the day was over, more than \$450 was donated to upgrade the sound system.

## Bible Study

everyone is welcome

### 7:00 PM - Wednesday Nights

**Bible Study** *Come, Enjoy, Learn & Fellowship...*  
*We are still learning more and more from the book of Ephesians as our study teaches us how to be God's kingdom people.*

### Discovery Class for the Youth begins September 13 – 10:00 AM

during Sunday School in the Youth Room.  
Randy will be teaching:  
"It will be 6 to 8 weeks long and we will study our relationship with Jesus Christ, what it means to be part of the church, and who are the Quakers?"

## Change for Turkana

**Thank You** for your support of the Children of the Middler and Primary Sunday School Classes as they collected change to help our mission in Turkana, Kenya. These children have helped us do our part of Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting's promise to help these Friends. According to the children's count, we were 1 penny short of our goal of \$500 and we have had some additional donations since their count.



Your donations help the mission and the mission school. Without your help, many of these children would never have an opportunity for an education.



## 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,

Thank you for your continued support of Yadkin Christian Ministries. Your kindness helps feed hungry families. With that said, there is a need for items such as hamburger helper, salad dressings, pasta meals, etc. for the miscellaneous shelf. Also please remember the *Walk for Hunger* which will take place at the Yadkinville Park on October 4. Check with Janet Robbins for information. Other communities will check with their church or the Ministry for more information. See information below and make plans to walk or sit and enjoy the music.

With praise and thanksgiving,

Phyllis Barnes .....



### **Deep Creek Quaker Men**

**September 20 – 7:30 AM**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

*Breakfast, Fellowship and Business*

Brian Ray

**September 28 – NC Quaker Men Fall Dinner**

**6:00 PM at Marlboro Friends Meeting**

**September 14**

**Quaker Young Women and Circle # 1**

**Joint Meeting**

**Visiting Speaker:** Pat Cheadle will share her experiences and work at MOWA Choctaw Friends Center. With much love for the people in the community, she teaches Pine Needle basket making, quilting, and other craft work.

Refreshments will be provided by Quaker Young Women. Everyone is invited and welcome to come, even the men.

*Rhonda Moran and Phyllis Barnes*



### **Members Attend NC USFW Annual Gathering**

The new theme, *Choose Gratitude* was shown throughout the day through mission reports, worship and beautiful floral displays.

New officers include two from Deep Creek, Janet Robbins, treasurer (front row on right) and Donna Terrell, president elect (back row fourth from right.)



## **WALK FOR HUNGER 2015**

**In Memory of Susan S. Steelman**

**Sponsored by:**

**Deep Creek Friends Meeting and  
The Town of Yadkinville**

**All Proceeds benefit Yadkin Christian  
Ministries**

**Sunday, October 4, 3:00 PM**

**Yadkinville Community Park**

**Parking at Yadkin Farmer's Market**

**Registration: 2:15 – 2:45**

**Music provided by "The Boys"**



### **Awards will include:**

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



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.



# Be Still and Know...

*Meditation by Jared Warden*

Last week I did something that I used to do and have not had the chance to do in a while. I went to lunch by myself. It is a great time to notice things that you don't normally see when other people are in your party. One of my favorite things to do is to observe people and their interactions. As I sat and ate lunch, I noticed two elderly couples in the booths beside of me. I had been in line behind them while ordering my food. I watched as they received their food and then proceeded to assist each other to get their drinks and condiments. It was neat to see that in their frailty, they relied on each other to accomplish the "simplest" of tasks.

After we had all received our food, I found myself seated at a small table directly beside each of the couples' booths. We all began to eat and I observed their actions. I noticed that they strangely ate their lunch in complete silence. At first I saw an awkward lunch setting that involved no human interaction and it appeared that neither of them was present in the moment. After further observation, I quickly realized I was wrong. They were more in the moment than met the general on-looking eye. They looked at all the world around them and would often meet back in the middle to see each other eye to eye. In that moment there was a gentle and ever so subtle smile and they would return to eating and observing.

The Lord taught me much through this very routine portion of the day. First, there is more to life than what meets the general observing eye. We often see only surface level and don't take the time to really observe anyone on a deeper level. It is there that we find the diamonds! Second, the Lord showed me that there were content hearts at the meal. They were completely content with each other and did not need unnecessary chatter in their time together. They were completely in tune with each other and comfortable enough to just be there. Third, he showed me that in our weakness, we must lean on others, much like the elderly couples relied on each other.

As I pondered the things the Lord showed me through this everyday encounter, I was convicted of my time with the Lord. I began to wonder if I was completely content just being with the Lord in silence. Did I still make time for the silence with him? Was I content and happy in the silence? Had I learned to use silence as a time to lean on God? All of these questions ran through my mind at the lunch table that day. The answer to many of the questions was "no!" I had not given him the time to be silent with him, I had rarely been content for more than a quick prayer thrown up to him and I wasn't leaning on him like I should. As I was convicted, the Holy Spirit gave me the scripture from Psalm 46:10 to "be still and know that I am God." I hadn't been completely still in my time with the Lord and that needed to change. I began to think about his works and his word and the Lord reminded me that Elijah heard the Lord in a "still small voice." If we are to be completely content with the Lord, we have to be completely silent at times and he will reveal more of himself to us. He will help us during these times when we need someone to lean on and he will show us more than we see on the surface. He will speak to us.

*Thank you Lord for silence!*



## September 7 – Labor Day

Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of their country.



### PRAYER AND WORK

Prayer is not a substitute for work; it is a desperate effort to work further and to be efficient beyond the range of one's powers. It is not the lazy who are most inclined to prayer; those pray most who care most, and who, having worked hard, find it intolerable to be defeated.

George Santayana

**Rules to Live By:** The **Queries** from North Carolina Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice*  
***Social Conscience*** – Do you as workers, employers, producers, consumers, and investors endeavor to cultivate goodwill and mutual understanding in your economic relationships?

## September 13 –

# National Grandparents Day

National Grandparents Day was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. The first Sunday in September after Labor Day is designated as National Grandparents Day.

*When in worship, think on this:*

### Leading With Soul

We go to services and read prescribed words,  
not to find God but to find a congregation,  
to find other people who are in search of the same divine presence as we are.  
By coming together, singing together, reading the same words together,  
we overcome the isolation and solitude with which each of us ordinarily lives.  
We all become one and we create the moment in which God is present.

Rabbi Hubert Kushner

*Contributed by Jewell Welborn*

**For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.** Matthew 18:20

*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.*

Helen Keller

# CHILDREN

From Angie:



Children's Church at 11:00 AM

September 6 – "Let us Labor for the Lord"

*Donna Raines will be leading the children while Angie is away.*

Volunteer: Logan Raines

September 20 – "The Israelites Grumble, Grumble, Grumble"

Volunteer: Destiny Ray

FOJ Meetings:

**Note: Change of time** September 13<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 PM

"What Jealousy Does to Cain and Abel"

*Immediately after, we will join together for enjoying ice cream at the Ice Cream Social.*



September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM -

"Eli's Selfish Sons"

Snacks: Donna Raines and Angie Brendle

FOJ – had a great time and good turnout for **SUMMER FUN and MOVIE NIGHT**

Enjoyed pizza, games, movie and devotions.



Looking Ahead ~ Fall is Coming ~ Mark your Calendars ~

Trunk n Treat – Sunday, October 25 beginning at 6:00 – Until...



Games, Hayrides, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Hotdogs

Costume Parade (for all ages – including adults)

Best Trunk Contest

Trunk and treat for candy/ treats

and yes..... Lots of fun and fellowship!

From adult to the littliest child,

there's fun for everyone!

Pleeeese.....Plan to join us for this ministry event.





## Upcoming Events...

**September 4th - 7th:** **Youth** and Families Beach Retreat. See Jared for more details.

**September 13th:**

**Youth - Immediately following worship**

**We will do lunch together!**

**DOGS @ 4:00**

Young Friends Yearly Meeting:

**September 25th - 26th @ Quaker Lake Camp**

See Jared if you are interested in going.

**September 27th:**

**Dogs @ 5:00**

**Youth @ 6:30**

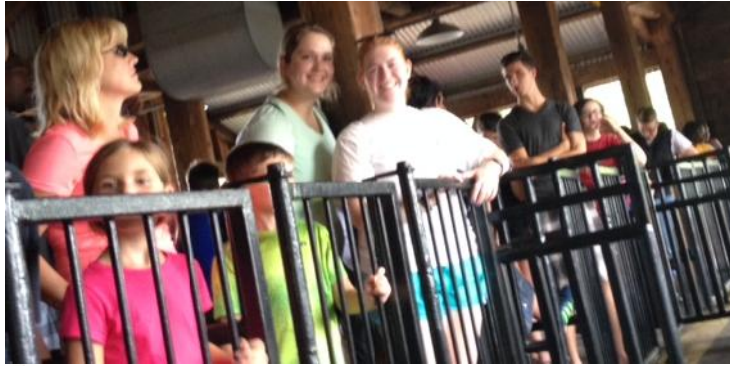
Snacks provided by Angie Brendle and Donna Raines

Yearly Meeting Young Adult Beach Retreat:

**October 2nd - 5th** (High School Seniors and up)

See Jared if you are interested in attending.

**Ministry at Deep Creek** has been very rewarding in the last month. We spent the last remaining month of summer on the go!



The **Youth** and **DOGS** went on our annual trip to Carowinds. This is always a great trip of fellowship and fun, spending time with each other outside the normal setting of "church." We had over 20 people attend this year, making the trip different in a good way. Everyone was able to spend time with each other at some point during the day and were also able to split into smaller groups to do

things together. We shared in a devotion together and ate meals together that day. It's good to be a part of "church!"

One of the bittersweet events of youth ministry is when your students come up through youth group, graduate high school and then head off to college. It is sad in that the regular figures, who have been a part of your life

and ministry for many years, will now be changing gears and heading off in another direction to answer whatever God calls them to do. It is sweet in the fact that you get to be a part of a critical time in their life and to pour into their lives. You do your best to help them prepare and be firmly rooted in Jesus Christ. As the disciples experienced, we all must be sent out into the world to answer our own callings. It has been neat to see my seniors go off to school and to prepare for the next stage of their lives. It has been great to still be able to be a source of encouragement for them. We were able to spend time together camping at Grayson Highlands Park and then canoeing on the New River at our senior retreat. May we follow after the footsteps of Jesus and Paul and "adopt" young people into our lives and give of ourselves to encourage them in the right way. The way is to firmly follow Jesus.

The **Youth** group also had a lock-in in August and we as always stayed up entirely too late, ate entirely too much and enjoyed the company of each other. These are always long but fun nights.

We have finished our study of God's redemptive work in the Bible. We moved forward from the preservation of the nation through Queen Esther and looked briefly at the Greek and Roman empires. We parked ourselves at the greatest event in history that occurred during the Roman rule, the birth of Jesus our savior. We observed that his life was unique in many aspects including his: birth, ministry, death and resurrection. Afterwards, we looked at the work of Paul and the early church and their efforts to evangelize the world. We noted that we are living in the days of the church and patiently await the return of our savior.

The **DOGS** group looked at the story of Jesus calming the storm. We discussed that when we have storms in our lives, we must, like the disciples, run to Jesus. He can calm any storm that we suffer internally or externally. I encouraged the kids to cast their burdens for re-starting school upon Jesus and let him calm their storms.

I'm excited about where God is going to take our **Youth** and **DOGS** groups. He is doing many wonderful things in their lives and I am blessed to be a part of his plan.

Blessings, Jared





## Will They Let Me Play?

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves children with learning disabilities, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question: *When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does, is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?*

The audience was stilled by the query.

The father continued... *I believe that when a child like Shay, who was mentally and physically disabled, comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child.*

Then he told the following story:

Shay and I had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" I knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but as a father I also understood that if my son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

I approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. I watched with a small tear in my eye and warmth in my heart. The boys saw my joy at my son being accepted.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three.

In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as I waved to him from the stands.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat. At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact.

The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward



to toss the ball softly towards Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher.

The game would now be over.

The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game.

Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all teammates.

Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!"

Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled.

Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!" Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base.

By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball. The smallest guy on their team now had his first chance to be the hero for his team. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head.

Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home. All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, Shay, all the way Shay!"

Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third! Shay, run to third!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, "Shay, run home! Run home!" Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team.



*That day, said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world.*

*Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero and making me so happy and coming home and seeing his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!*

## CONGRATULATIONS

### HARPERS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY



Ken and Cathy (Smith) Harper, celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary with dinner at Cody Creek August 18, 2015. They were married at Deep Creek Friends Meeting August 18, 1973. Ken's uncle Rev. T.A. Isaacs and Rev. Winfred Crouse officiated. Happy Anniversary Cathy and Ken!

### A SPECIAL MINISTRY AND BLESSED BIRTHDAY

*By Cathy Harper, daughter of Ethel Smith and mother of Julie Watson*  
In honor of Ethel Smith who would have been 89 on August 16, I share this example that she taught her granddaughter.

When Harper Elizabeth Watson, great granddaughter of Ethel Smith, was diagnosed with gastroesophageal reflux, lactose intolerance and failure to thrive, Julie, her mom, used lessons learned from her grandmother Ethel.

One lesson was not to waste. Julie had been saving breast-milk by freezing it in preparation for going back to work. The reflux and lactose intolerance prevented Harper from using the breast-milk. She was placed on a special formula. After six tries, one was found she could tolerate. Special bottles designed to reduce reflux were used. Julie, not wanting to waste the frozen milk, searched and found an organization, "Human Milk for Human Babies". She donated 156 ounces of breast-milk and delivered it by cooler to a mother with a baby in need of human milk in her area of Columbia, South Carolina.



The second lesson from Grandmother Ethel was to always help others. Julie continues not to waste and donated formula and diapers to help babies in Yadkin County. Harper was one year old on August 8. She is healthy and thriving. Thank you for your prayers. Thank Grandma Ethel for good lessons taught by example.

### NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED



Sarah and Steve Hutchens received the Right Hand of Fellowship August 9. Steve grew

up in Deep Creek community and attended the meeting. A while after he and Sarah moved back in the community, they began to attend and after a class study of Quakerism and membership, Steve wanted to reaffirm his membership with Sarah joining him. The couple have become very active and the congregation is happy to welcome them.

### SHORE GRANDSON PLAYS BASEBALL IN NEW YORK

**The Shore family goes to New York!**

Clark and Brenda Shore's Eighth Grade grandson, Jackson, played baseball in Cooperstown, NY the first week of August. Jackson's team, *Stewards of the Game*, was chosen from an application. The whole family, minus Brain and Alli, enjoyed the



week in the little town of Cherry Valley, NY. It was an awesome experience and words cannot describe how beautiful it was. Clark and Brenda's son Michael is one of the coaches for Jackson's team. The family got to watch some great games and visited the Baseball Hall of Fame. Jennifer, Reece, Tracy, Taylor and Samuel took a train ride into New York City. "It was a once in a lifetime trip!" says Tracy Ray, Jackson's aunt.







## 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.**

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