



The Encourager

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

Luke 18:27

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

March, 2015

The Christ-centered Life

It must have been a scandalous scene. Her reputation was soiled like the unwashed feet of Simon's Guest. But her intentions were firm and resolved. She was driven by a love that had captivated her life, a love that had freed her soul from the bondage of the past. Her only identification in Luke 7:36-50 was that she was "sinful" or as one translation puts it, "a certain immoral woman". But her determination to anoint Jesus, in the midst of scornful glares, and the wealth of her emotion as she washed his feet with her tears stand as a timeless portrait. It is a picture of the gratitude of a repentant heart and the devotion of a passionate disciple. However, this is not just a touching story. It is not merely an account written to rouse our pity or chronicle Jesus' earthly steps. The sinful woman of Luke 7 is a model of the fullest Christian life possible, a life we were made for.

Quakers would call this life, "the Christ-centered life". The term "Christ-centered" reflects a theological category that many of us as Friends eagerly acknowledge. It identifies us as believers in Jesus Christ and at least implies that we hold to the biblical teachings about who Jesus is and what he came to do. But being "Christ-centered" is about more than being conservative. Being Christ-centered is about the way we live our lives...with Christ at the center...like this woman in Luke 7 so beautifully reveals.

What does a Christ-centered life look like? How can we know we are living Christ-centered lives? Well the first indication we are Christ-centered is that Christ is actually at the center of our lives. It sounds redundant, but I am still learning what this type of life is all about. To be Christ-centered is to have Christ at the center of all our decisions, priorities, resources, etc... In short, it is about Christ being at the center of all I do, and all I am. The woman continuously wiped, kissed, and anointed Jesus' feet. She was meticulous about what she was doing. She was focused...focused on Christ alone. In a world where we are constantly stimulated and distracted, Christ-centered living is a challenge. But it is a challenge aided by Christ's Spirit and one worth taking. Christ calls us out of the insanity of a world that is driven and often cruel, to a place of wholeness at his feet. Christ at the center is like a ballast under the water that keeps us upright, even in the confusing winds of a culture gone mad. Yet such stability is only found when our lives are consciously oriented to the Savior at every turn.

A second component of Christ-centered living is a freedom from the opinions of others. This does not mean that we are justified in being arrogant or rude, but it does mean we can be free from the worry of other's opinions of ourselves. This woman overcame social stigma and self-righteous ridicule to follow her Passion. Her model shows us hope, hope that we can leave our co-dependent cycles of life so we can live to please an Audience of One. To move away from the "people pleasing trap" to the wide open spaces of Christ-like servant hood.

The third indication of Christ-centered living I suggest to you is the increasing frequency of obedience to the Spirit's promptings. It took courage for this woman to come out of the shadows and encounter Jesus. And that courage began when the first prompting came to go to Simon's house with a jar of perfume in her hand. This woman's great act of devotion began with some smaller steps of obedience that led to greater experiences of spiritual intimacy and blessing. She followed those promptings and she received the fullest measure of Christ's intended experience for her life. The smallest acts of obedience to the Spirit's promptings in our hearts can lead us to grand encounters with Jesus. This takes practice. It takes time to begin to hear the Spirit's voice and distinguish him from the other voices we hear. Your mind may be built to "multitask" but your soul is meant to be focused, and when we are focused on the Spirit's voice, we increasingly begin to discern and obey his urges.

Another aspect of the Christ-centered life is a constant awareness of God's grace. Where did the woman's tears come from? She rained down tears on Christ because she was overwhelmed with his grace to her, probably an encounter of grace she had with him on another occasion. A large debt in her life had been erased and she was acting out of gratitude. The Christ-centered soul never forgets grace. It is not a soul riddled with morbid guilt but one that dances to the joy of forgiveness.

Finally, though there are many characteristics to the Christ-centered life, one more can be mentioned here in brief. A person who is Christ-centered is able to embrace the "self", the true self that God created for us to enjoy. When the sinful woman let her hair down, she was doing more than breaking a social custom; she was being her truest self. No pretending. No playing to the crowd. No trying to impress. No need for affirmation. She was at peace with herself, because Christ had healed and revealed the self she was always meant to be. Now she knows who she is because she knows whose she is. There is a humble power to this woman as she finds her true self at the feet of Jesus. When we are Christ-centered we are at peace with God, at peace with others, and at peace with ourselves.

Christ-centered living puts Christ in the middle of our lives, frees us from the opinions of others, causes us to act in the flow of the Spirit, moves us to gaze at grace, and forms our best and truest self. It is the fullest Christian life possible. It is the life we were made for.

Randy

Sunday, March 1 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.

March 1 – Immediately after Worship

"SIMPLE MEAL" – Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a Variety of Soups



A Quaker Young Women Fundraising Event. Donations for this meal will go to *Right Sharing of World Resources*. The organization assists very under privileged women begin a project to support themselves and their families. They may receive a loan of \$66.00 - \$144.00 to begin a tiny business to support them. A woman will receive training and may buy vegetable seeds, a bee hive, sewing machine, etc. She must return her loan with interest within 10 months so that another woman can have the same opportunity. This Quaker Program has reached more than 12,000 women and their families who are considered the poorest of the poor. Please plan to join the Quaker Young Women for lunch – try some delicious soup and help support this need. **Your lunch contribution could buy seeds for a garden that will feed a family and a whole village.**

March 6 – Day of Prayer

Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting has established March 6 as a day of prayer for North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Each meeting in the quarter has chosen a 2-hour time period. **Deep Creek's time is 6:00-8:00 PM.** We are asked to pray specifically that God's wisdom and direction be understood at Representative Body on March 7.

March 7 – NCYM Representative Body

Representative Body will be held at Quaker Lake Conference Center 10:00 AM
RSVP with the number attending to the Yearly Meeting office by Wednesday, March 4th.

March 15-18 – Deep Creek Revival

Sunday – March 15

Senior Citizen Appreciation Day

11:00 AM Worship with Pastor Randy Quate
Followed by a Fellowship Meal honoring our seniors.
Bring a dish to share.

Sunday – Wednesday nights

Evangelist, Robin Dixon and Guest Musicians each night - See page 3 for times and information.

Special Music for Worship Services – March

1st Skyler Raines and Jacob Brendle
8th Deep Creek Choir
15th Deep Creek Choir
22nd Handbell Choir
29th Fifth Sunday Sing -The Mickles Family
Submitted by Vickie Warden



Greeting the People – March

1st Louis & Libby Shore
8th Leon & Janet Robbins
15th Jay & Angie Brendle
22nd Michael & Sarah Ray
29th Brian & Tracy Ray



Submitted by Teresa Welborn

Children's Church Assistants – March

1st Destiny Ray
15th Trevor Collins

Submitted by Angie Brendle



Nursery Workers for Worship – March

1st Tommy & Cathy Shore
8th Brenda Shore and Priscilla Shore
15th Janet Robbins and Ashley Dezern
22nd Donna Raines and Skyler Raines
29th Adam & Jean Hutchins



Submitted by Vickie Warden

Sanctuary Flowers – March

Generations Sunday School Class

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

Submitted by Donna Hutchins



Presiders for Worship – March

1st Wiley Shore
8th Tony Reece
15th Libby Shore
22nd Don Steelman
29th Vickie Warden



Submitted by Ministry and Counsel

Worship Message with the Children – March

8th Jacob Brendle
22nd Rhonda Moran



Submitted by Ministry and Counsel

March Choir Practice:

March 1 and March 8 – 5:00 PM



Handbell Choir Practice:

March 1 and March 8 – 4:00 PM
March 22 – 9:00 AM and
Perform at 11:00 AM Worship



Ministry and Counsel will meet March 22

6:00 PM – Church Lounge

Host & Devotions: Vickie Warden

Randy continues teaching the adult

Discovery Class

each Sunday at 10:00 during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall - The Quaker Faith – beliefs, practices and membership

The group will also gather on Sunday, March 1, at 6:00 PM for an additional time of sharing with food and fellowship.

“...Then I heard the voice which said, ‘There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition.’” George Fox



TODDLER TIME

in the Nursery



Sunday, March 8th 10:00 - 10:45 AM

Play ‘N Worship for Ages 2 and under

This is a special time for toddlers and infants to come together and listen to a Bible story and have a prayer time.

Angie Brendle.

Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

March begins a new Study on the Book of Ephesians led by Randy.

Based on the idea of learning by repetition, in **March we will begin a method of study described in the book “Sticky Church”**. From the sermon, to the Sunday School Class, small groups and personal quiet time, questions will lead to a new understanding and spiritual growth so that we may live out what scripture teaches us. Please take advantage of this new method of learning God’s Word.

Randy

Revival March 15-29 – Worship & Music

Worship each night with **Robin Dixon** - 7:00 PM

Sunday at 6:30 PM – Music by The Enon Boys

From Enon Baptist Church, this Yadkin County group share gospel music at its best and will put a smile on your face. They are in great demand throughout the area. We have been looking forward to having them for some time.

Monday at 7:00 – Music by Susan Pettit

Susan has been to Deep Creek before; She shares beautiful solos. She is Jimmy Warden’s niece and daughter of the former Shirley Warden, who grew up in this community.

Tuesday at 7:00 – Music by Katey Driver

Katey has been to Deep Creek before. She is the daughter of David and Dena Driver and granddaughter of James and Kay Driver.

Wednesday at 6:30 – Music by the Stan Bobbitt Band

Stan and his daughter sing and play together. We have enjoyed them at Deep Creek before.

Robin Dixon – Speaker

Robin, in his 25th year of ministry, is serving as pastor of Union Cross Friends Meeting. He and Cindi, his wife for almost 31 years (April 15th) have two sons, Robin and Ryan. He enjoys travel and restoring older cars of the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. His education includes a Masters Degree from Houston (now Carolina Divinity School) and PhD from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Robin says, “Tell everyone that I am praying for a true moving of God. I welcome His Spirit to have His way with us all!!”

NOTICE: All College Students

March 15 – Application Forms Deadline

Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship for 2015-2016
Present scholarship recipients must reapply yearly as well as send a college transcript.

New applicants need an application form, a personal information letter, and three reference forms. All forms are due by March 15, 2015 and may be viewed online at:

<http://ncym-fum.org/cooperating.html>

Completed forms are to be **mailed** to:

Mrs. Lee Van Hughes
1470 Pinefield Drive
Sophia, NC 27350

Mark your Calendar:

Deep Creek 2015 Golf Tournament

Will be held again at Silo Run Golf Course in Boonville on **May 23**. This will again be hosted by Deep Creek Christian Education Committee with proceeds going toward funding Youth programs.

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a hole or team, please contact Jared Warden or Jay Brendle. More information will be available next month.



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,

Thanks to everyone who brought cans of soup for "Souper" Bowl Sunday. A total of 200 cans and \$724.36 were donated.

This month please be aware of and participate in the big fundraiser, **Empty Bowls, which will be held March 24, at the Yadkinville Methodist Church from 11AM - 2PM.** Tickets are \$20.00, for which you will receive lunch (soup, salad, drink, and dessert) and a piece of pottery (your choice). A silent auction will be held as well. Come and join in the fun and at the same time help the Ministry help the needy. See Phyllis Barnes for tickets.

Sincerely, *Phyllis Barnes*

Empty Bowls

Helping to Feed People in Need

Statistics show that 1 out of 8 Americans struggle with food insecurity every day.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger and was created by The Imagine Render Group. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity.

Each individual or group organizing an event designs it around the needs of their own community and is responsible for their own event.

It is the collective genius of all the people involved that has made Empty Bowls what it has become. Events have now taken place across the United States and in at least a dozen other countries. Many millions of dollars have been raised and donated to hunger-fighting organizations. We could never have imagined all the things people have done or all the ways the project has touched people.

Information from *Empty Bowls* website and Wikipedia



Quaker Young Women
March 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Church Lounge.
Hostesses will be Cathy Shore and Donna Terrell.
Everyone please bring cleaning supplies
(dishwasher tabs, pine-sol, etc.) for
Sparrows House. **ALSO: Bring candy
for Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt.**

Rhonda Moran

Circle 1 – Next Meeting
April 13 – 6:00 PM
Hostess – Ruby Brendle
Phyllis Barnes

Quaker Men
March 8 at 7:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Fresh Cooked Breakfast, Fellowship, Worship & Business
Brian Ray



NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE Tornado Relief

March 15-20, 2015
Continue Work on New House

Hertford, NC

Work will continue on the house that was framed by our group in January. Cliff Harvil with United Methodist Disaster Response has asked that NC FDS return to Hertford to do more work on the new house for Leonidas Parker, whose home was heavily damaged by the April 2, 2014 tornado. We plan to completely finish the outside - build porches, put up Hardie Board siding, frame windows and paint. Work on the inside will include rough-in wiring, putting up insulation and sheetrock.

Sunday, March 15 – Leave NCYM Office at 2:00 PM
Lodging will be at Up River Friends Meeting Family Life Center
Breakfast & Supper FDS. Lunch by Somerton Friends Meeting
Contact Wiley wshore@yadtel.net or 336-679-8466 to participate.

Mark Your Calendar:

Easter Events at Deep Creek

Good Friday Service – Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM

Other Meetings in Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting will join Deep Creek Friends for a Quarter-wide service.

Randy Quate will be the speaker.

Several details, involving other meetings, are in the planning process.



Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 AM

Easter Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 5 – Gather in the cemetery at 6:45 AM for sunrise
Special Music – Clarinet by Gwyn Shore

Sunrise Breakfast will be provided by the Quaker Men's Group – 7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall (If someone wants to bring something to share, they may do so.)

Easter Worship Service – 8:30 AM in the sanctuary.

(The regular Sunday School Classes will not meet on Easter morning.)

**More details next month.*



Pray and make contributions for Impact Yadkin. Continue to donate paint supplies and money for first-aid kits. An additional request for March is for small tools to the list. A box has been placed in the foyer for these donations.

MOWA Choctaw Friends Center is collecting **Campbell's Soup labels** to help the children in the After School Program. Save your labels and drop them in the basket in the foyer of the church or you can mail your own labels directly to the Center at:

66 Academy Lane, McIntosh, AL 36553



North Carolina Yearly Meeting has approved Donald Farlow as an Interim Superintendent for a two year period.

Don is a member of Marlboro Friends Meeting where he has taught Sunday School for a number of years. Since retiring after 30 years as marine manufacturing executive/manager, he has taught advanced high school mathematics, college algebra and calculus on a part-time basis at Laurel University and Hayworth Christian School in High Point, NC.

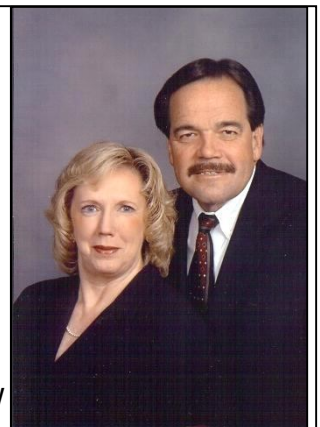
Don Farlow's contact information, in addition to the Yearly Meeting Office, is:

Home Phone: 336-431-0651

Cell Phone: 336-870-4185

email: dfarlow@ncym-fum.

Mary and
Don Farlow



Jesus and Satan on Computers

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They faxed.

They emailed.

They emailed with attachments.

They downloaded.

They did spreadsheets.

They wrote reports.

They created labels and cards.

They created charts and graphs.

They did some genealogy reports.

They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming: "It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work.

Satan observed this and became irate.

"Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?"

God just shrugged and said,

"JESUS SAVES."



Rules to Live By: The **Queries** from North Carolina Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice* for **Spiritual Growth**
Do you strive for the constant realization of God's presence in your life?



CHILDREN

From Angie:

Children's Church at 11:00 AM

March 1 – "Thomas"

Volunteer: Destiny Ray

March 15 – "Phillip"

Volunteer: Trevor Collins

FOJ Meetings:

**** Sundays 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

March 8 – "Matthew"

Snacks: Katie Mathis

March 22 – "Thaddeus"

Snacks: Angie Brendle

****Mark Your Calendar:**

**E a s t e r
E g g H u n t**

Saturday, April 4th at 11:00 AM.

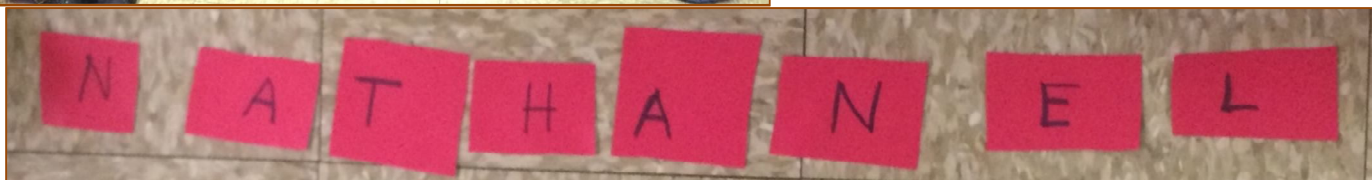
Invite a friend!



The FOJ celebrated with a special Valentine Party on February 8th. During the event we studied one of the disciples: "John, The Beloved".

The children have enjoyed learning about the first six disciples so far.

We have each learned a great deal about the character of the disciples and how we relate to them.



YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

MARCH



Reflecting back over the month of February, I submit the following:

February is thought of as the "month of love" as we celebrate Valentine's Day with those special folks around us. It is a time for Christians to think about the love shown to us by God through the sacrifice of his son. It is also a time for us to put that supreme act of kindness into motion as we are commanded to love our neighbors.

The **Youth** and **DOGS** groups put this into motion as we continued our study of Jesus and how he loved on folks in desperate need of healing. We decided to show our love to others in our meeting by adopting two adult Sunday school classes as prayer partners. The kids made cards of encouragement and prayer for each member of those two classes. It was great to see their excitement in adopting an adult to pray for.

We also continued our study in the salvation history of God. This has been a very informative, fun and unique study that examines the plan of salvation that began in Genesis and continues through the church today. It is so encouraging to see our young people beginning to understand how the Bible stories they learned are part of a bigger picture and actually fit together nicely in a plan of salvation for them.



It was nice to fellowship with some of the **Youth**, **DOGS** and church family at the Super Bowl party. Fellowship is a wonderful and necessary part of belonging to the body of Christ. Thanks to the Terrell's for opening their home in hospitality! Praise God for all of his servants and the work he makes happen through each.

I continue to be encouraged in ministry by the young people at Deep Creek. They are an awesome group!

Blessings, Jared

Upcoming.Events..

March 8th

DOGS @ 5:00

Youth @ 6:30

March 22nd

DOGS @ 5:00

Youth @ 6:30

March 20-22 - WORTH

Young Friends Event at Quaker Lake.

See Jared for details and if you are interested in going!

Mark Your Calendar:

E a s t e r E g g
H u n t

Saturday, April 4th at 11:00 AM.

I n v i t e a f r i e n d !

Congratulations

Luke Hobson Celebrates Fourth birthday



Luke Hobson turned four years old February 18. Luke is the son of Jeff and Amy Hobson and Grandson of "Nana" Martha Hobson. He celebrated his birthday with a party at his Day Care. He loves Ninja Turtles. He had a Ninja Turtle cake and Chicken Soup at Nana Martha's house. He enjoyed opening his gifts best of all.

Anna Welborn's Class receives recognition

Anna teaches Kindergarten at West Yadkin Elementary School. The school announced that her class was the first to pass the 310 Eagle Buck mark. The class earns Eagle Bucks by demonstrating Safe, On-task, Attitude to achieve, and Respectful/responsible behavior throughout the school.



Circle #1 enjoy Valentine treats. Quaker Young Women invite husbands and friends for Valentine Dinner.



Shore and Beers announce marriage



Craig Thomas Shore and Sophy Jane Beers were married at 7:00 PM on February 13 at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Craig's parents, Tommy and Cathy Shore and their family would like to thank the meeting for honoring Craig and Sophy at the announcement luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 22.

Trace Collins accepted at School of the Arts



Trace Collins has received notice that he has been accepted into the University of North Carolina

School of the Arts. He is ...kind of...EXCITED. From his facebook pg. - *"You know, I don't like to brag on myself but I have never worked harder for anything in my life than this. I am so excited for the opportunity to attend the college that I've been dreaming of my whole life. So many successful actors and directors have attended there in the past and now I get the chance to follow in their footsteps! Thanks to everybody who has supported me throughout the years! UNCSA, here I come!"*

Trace has worked hard – done work for the church and other things including some competition. His family and friends are proud of him. Getting into the School of the Arts is no easy accomplishment.



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



March 20 - International Day of Happiness

(Did you know? March 20 is also March Equinox – our days and nights are equal and it's the **1st Day of Spring!!**)

The **Day of Happiness** recognizes that happiness is a fundamental human goal, and calls upon countries to approach public policies in ways that improve the well being of all peoples. The Gross National Happiness Index (GNH) rejects the sole use of economic and material wealth as an indicator of development, and instead adopts a more holistic outlook, where **spiritual well being of citizens and communities is given as much importance as their material well being.** The United Nations acknowledges that in order to attain global happiness, economic development must be accompanied by social and environmental well being.





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**If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light,
we have fellowship with one another,**

1 John 1:7

- Do you have a friend or relative that would enjoy ***The Encourager***? Send address.
- Please send any change of address.
- Are you receiving ***The Encourager*** in error or you no longer wish to receive it? If so, let us know.
- Send suggestions, news, information, announcements or materials that you would like included in ***The Encourager***.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue.

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Deadline for news – March 29

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