

Asheboro Community Bible Study

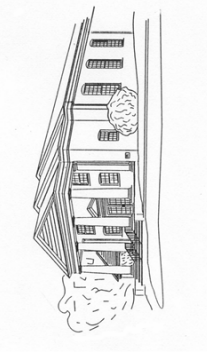
The 2024-2025 Study will resume at Asheboro Friends Meeting on January 6, 2025. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

— *Matthew 1:17 (ESV)*

We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Registration is open and the cost is \$35.00 per adult.

For more information contact Jay Brownfield at 336-653-9002 or visit the website at <https://asheboroeve.cbclass.org/>.



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“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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December 15, 2024

A Message from Leonard Sweet, M.Div., Ph.D.

Earlier this week, my friend Sandra Paran, a hospice chaplain, shared a story that has lingered in my heart and brought tears to my eyes (and hers). During her morning rounds, she sat with one of her patients—a woman whose body was frail but whose spirit radiated quiet strength. As they bowed their heads to say grace over a simple breakfast, the patient’s prayer ended with unexpected poignancy: “Thank you for being my Savior.”

The words hung in the air, simple yet profound. Here was someone acutely aware of life’s fleeting nature, offering a prayer not of desperation, but of deep gratitude. In her closing words, she seemed to acknowledge not just the grace that had carried her through life’s joys and trials, but also the grace that would soon carry her beyond this world.

How often do we pause to thank God for being our Savior—not just for the grand promise of eternal life, but for the daily acts of rescue, renewal, and healing? For saving us from fear, for healing wounds both visible and invisible, and for preparing us for that final act of healing from the burdens and pains of this life: death itself.

Sandra said the room felt transformed in that moment. It was as if her patient’s prayer had shifted the focus away from loss and toward hope. Gratitude, even in the face of mortality, became a sacred offering—a reminder that salvation is both a present comfort and an eternal promise.

Her simple prayer over breakfast was more than thanks—it was a testament to faith that sees beyond the moment. What would it look like for us to live with such gratitude, to thank God not just for what God has done, but for what God is continually doing: saving, healing, and preparing us for something far greater?

One of my preacher-mom's favorite songs (you can read her story in "Mother Tongue"), which my brothers and I often heard her humming, was this old gospel song:

*Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul;
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole;
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me . . .
Thy full salvation so rich and free.*

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Carol Bullins — December 15

B Ava Grace Fogleman — December 21

B Pat Hurley — December 29

CUOC for December

Canned Chicken & Dumplings

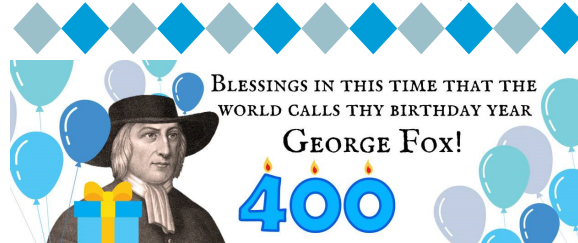
Give to Asheboro Friends Meeting online at www.asheborofriends.org. Support our ministries by clicking on the “Give to AFM” icon supported by our partnership with Tithe.ly and following the simple instructions. Use your smart phone by scanning the QR code located on the front cover of this newsletter.

November Financial Report:

Income: \$ 40,243.25

Expenses: \$ 10,406.37

Gen Fund Balance: \$ 45,221.86



The light checks you, when you speak an evil word, and tells you that you should not be proud or unrestrained, nor fashion yourselves like the world; for the fashion of this world passes away.

~ George Fox, 1624-1691

Excerpt: When we squint...

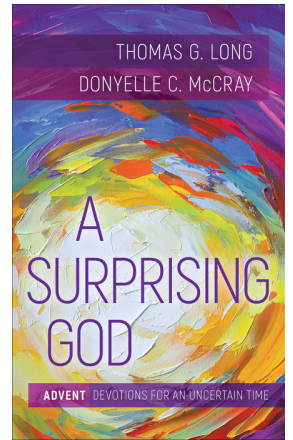
“What we see, of course, is the regular round of discouragement that saturates the news on television every day—the grinding accounts of crime and violence, the economic struggles faced by so many, the health threats, the declining environment. Sometimes there is even a warning, ‘Viewer Discretion Advised,’ meaning that if you watch this story you will see potentially disturbing events that expose you to the raw reality of life in our time.

“Paul knows the hard truths of our world. As for the turmoil we see around us, Paul says it is the creation ‘groaning in labor pains.’ What we can see is troubling, the many sufferings of our unsettled time; what we hope for is what we cannot yet see but which God promises, ‘that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.’ [Rom. 8:21–22]

“When we squint and look more closely at our world, we can see even now shoots of green in the desert, rays of light shining even now in the darkness. Here are people feeding the hungry, there are compassionate caregivers caring for the dying in hospices, over there are people advocating for a more just society, and here are teachers serving tirelessly in struggling schools. For those who trust the good news of the gospel, these are places in our present world where we can place our wagers—set down our stack of chips, so to speak—saying through our labors and our prayers, “I am wagering that God’s future belongs to such as these, and I am waiting in patience for the coming glory of God’s children.”

— Excerpt from “The Invisibility of Hope: Romans 8:22–25,” by Thomas G. Long and Donyelle C. McCray in *A*

Surprising God: Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time,

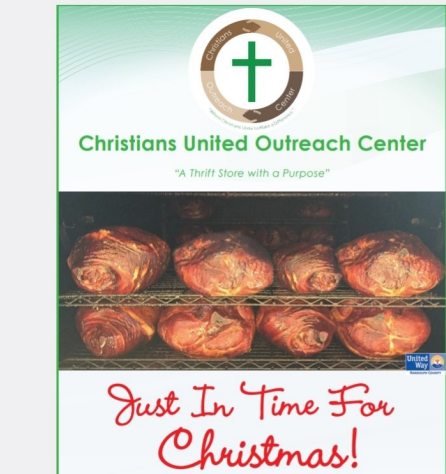


BOSTON BUTTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're excited to announce that you can now preorder your delicious Boston Butt today! This savory treat comes just in time for your Christmas Dinner! They will be cooked and available for pick up on Saturday, December 21st from 3:00PM- 5:00PM. Contact us at 336-625-1500 ext 105 or online through our website. Click "Give Back", "Sponsor", "purchase" then "other" and put "Boston Butt" in the comment section.

While you're at it, consider joining our team as a Thrift Store Assistant! We have volunteer opportunities available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Help us sort donations, restock the store, and assist our wonderful customers. It's a great way to give back to the community and meet new friends while enjoying a fulfilling experience!

GET INVOLVED TODAY



Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP's mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.

Our NC-Randolph County chapter had our second Bed Build Day on Saturday, November 16 at 9:00 AM at the Sunset Avenue Church of God. We built 28 beds and all 43 beds are being delivered to kids in Asheboro. Checks may be made to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (indicate NC-Randolph Co chapter in the memo line). Mail to SHP NC-Randolph Co Chapter, PO Box 206, Asheboro, NC 27204. We are also accepting donations of twin size mattresses, twin sheets, twin comforters/quilts, pillows, and pillowcases. Twin size bed-in-a-bag sets are perfect. Bring to Asheboro Friends or to CUOC.

SHP
Giving Tree



DONATIONS
Individual, Businesses and Organizations Donate Bedding and Building Materials



VOLUNTEERS
Individual, Businesses and Organizations team up with local chapters and organize a build day



BUILD DAY
Volunteers from the community build beds together



APPLICATION
Apply to receive a free bed for a kid sleeping on the floor



DELIVERY
Volunteers deliver and set up beds for families in need



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!
Kids sleep peacefully in hand-built beds of their very own

Anyone and everyone of any skill level can be a part of this ministry!
Please be in prayer how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity in our town!

Asheboro Friends Prayer List December 15, 2024

Members

Becky Boone
Carol Bullins
Jackie & Pat Cole
Susie Dunn
Ava Grace Fogleman
Linda Lanier
Helen Marley
Carol Meiers
Mary Ella Pugh
Esther Underwood
Tina Williams
Vernon Wilson
Hal & Jan Winslow
Brenda Yelverton

Hospitals & Nursing Homes

Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
Harry Hudson
Rose Glen Manor Assisted Living:
Becky Craven
Terra Bella:
Hal Powell

Law Enforcement & Services

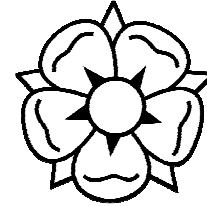
Jeremy Callicutt
Evan Underwood
Stephen Vaughn
Asheboro Police Department
Asheboro Fire Department
Randolph County Sheriff's Office

Missions

Life in Messiah - The Arnolds
Class Act
CUOC
Gideon Ministries
HASTEN International
Belize Friends Center
Friends Disaster Service
Lydia's Place
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
The Friends Center
MOWA
Jonathan Spainhour

Ministers & Staff

David Millikan
David Peters
Cynthia Pierce
Mike Wall

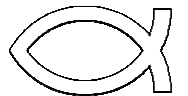


Friends

Linda Bailey
Judy Barnes
Julia Barnes
Alice Beasley
Emma Briles
Logan Brooks
Suzanne Brown
Barbara Bullin
Roger Bryant
Ethan Clarke
Eddie Coggins
Betty Cox
Carson Daves
Betty Davis
Gwen Davis
Candie Evavold
Craig Frazier
Angela Frye
Vickie Frye
Ruby Gainey
Treva Gallimore
Family of Alton "Nubby" Hix
Mary Hunt
Tracy Hunt
Pat Hussey
Bill Ivey
Karen Jacobs
Rick Johnson
Ray Lambe
Ben Lewis
Libby McNeil
Jeremy Moore
Renee Nelson
Tony Norris
Family of Don Osborne
Joanne Painter
Linda Poole
Chuck Powers
Kaffy Reynolds
Linda Roberts
Jennifer Ruff
Phil Shepard
Family of Eva Smith
Ron & Judy Smith
Darrell Swaney
Pam Thomas
Family of Zack Thornburg
Tanya Trogdon
Family of Earlene Vestal Ward
Andy Walker
Joe Weaver
Dolan Williams
Claude Winslow



Hurricane Helene Victims
Hurricane Milton Victims
Our World,
Israel & The Ukraine
Asheboro Friends Meeting
Kids Klub
Friends Church of NC
Contentnea Quarter
First Responders
Healthcare Workers
All Our Elected Officials
Unspoken Requests
Unsaved Family & Friends



KIDS KLUB & G.L.O.W.

Collecting Items



**for folks in
Western NC**



Dish cloths/towels

Bath cloths/towels

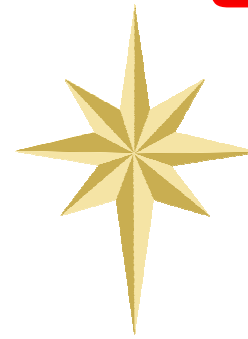
Cleaning cloths/rags

Clothing and other items

**New & Used
acceptable**



Kids Klub News



The
Christmas
Story



Sunday, December 22, 2024
Worship Service 11:00 AM



Presented by
Kids Klub
G.L.O.W.

&

Congregational Singing

