

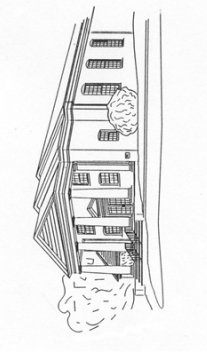
## Quaker Quote

*Friends come back from their worship with a new sense of ordination, but not the ordination of human hands. Something has happened in the stillness that makes the heart more tender, more sensitive, more shocked by evil, more dedicated to ideals of life, and more eager to push back the skirts of darkness and to widen the area of light and love.*

*~ Rufus Jones, 1863-1948*

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”*

*~ Matthew 5:14 (ESV)*



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“I Have Called You Friends”

John 15:15

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## Asheboro Friends Meeting

A Meditation from Elbert Russell - August 1, 2024

### THE BETTER SACRIFICE

**If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift... , first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.**

**Matthew 5:23-24. (Read also Luke 17:1-4, Colossians 3:12-17)**

The Old Testament prophets insist that God desires righteousness or mercy or goodness rather than sacrifice (Isaiah 1:13-17, Hosea 6:6, Micah 6:6-8). Jesus goes beyond mere justice or mercy and insists on brotherhood. To him reconciliation is more important than any of the forms of worship. God's forgiveness is conditioned on men's practice of that virtue; therefore he taught his disciples to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors". The love of God and his worship cannot be separated from the love of men: the commandment to love God has a second like it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself".

Different peoples and different times have made different things central in religion and even in Christianity. Some make ritual central in it and some, creeds. Some find the essence of it chiefly in a future millennium or in the next life. But Jesus puts the chief emphasis on the practice of brotherhood in this life.

One of the most common and persistent tendencies in organized religion is to substitute rites and ceremonies or the saying of creeds or the keeping of commandments for justice, mercy and brotherhood. Certain types of men want "the consolations of religion without the restraints of piety". They want a worship that is emotionally and esthetically satisfying without moral requirements. In a word, they want a worship that will make them feel good without the necessity of being good. Jesus teaches that this cannot happen in *Christian* worship.

What doth the holy Guide require?  
Not rite of pain, nor gift of blood,  
But man a kindly brotherhood.

*The Over-Heart*  
— John Greenleaf Whittier

*Reprinted from Quaker Meditations, edited by Cecil E. Haworth, reprinted 1989.*

*Elbert Russell was Professor of Biblical Literature in Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, and for a number of years Dean of the Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.*

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

A Lee & Mandy Davidson — August 3  
B Tabitha Ownsbey — August 5  
B Lynn Pierce — August 6  
B Lisa Vaughn — August 6  
B Emily Pell — August 14

### CUOC for August

Tuna/Tuna Helper

### June Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 9,013.05
Expenses:	\$ 8,950.27
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 29,955.07

**Give to Asheboro Friends Meeting** online at [www.asheborofriends.org](http://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.



### *Kindness*

*One never knows  
How far a word of kindness goes;  
One never sees  
How far a smile of friendship flees.  
Down, through the years  
The deed forgotten reappears.  
One kindly word  
The souls of many here has stirred.  
Man goes his way  
And tells with every passing day,  
Until life's end;  
"Once unto me he played the friend."  
We cannot say  
What lips are praising us today.  
We cannot tell  
Whose prayers ask God to guard us well.  
But kindness lives  
Beyond the memory of him who gives.*

— Edgar A. Guest

### Excerpt:

### **They Have Either Bought or Borrowed The Virtues**

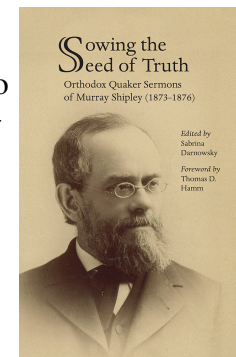
What do you expect conversion to be? Quitting drinking, swearing, lying, Sabbath breaking, evil speaking, tattling, laziness, anger, vanity, pride? Commencing to be sober, speak the truth and pure words, church going, kindness to others, industry, gentleness, simplicity, unselfishness, humility? Yes? No?

"If I had here some pine cones, acorns, chestnuts, walnuts, peaches, apples, oranges, grass wheat, oats, turnips, carrots, and I said to you, 'Look at my beautiful forests, see my tall pine trees, my majestic oak, my green chestnut tree, my spreading walnut trees'— if I said, 'Look here at my orchards, my peach, apple, and orange trees'—if I pointed to the grass wheat, oats, turnips, and carrots and said, 'Look at my farms, there is my pasture, here is my wheat field and next to [it] my field of oats, just over there are my two fields of turnips and carrots'— you would say to me, 'Friend, these are the products of such forests, trees, and fields, but you may have all these fruits and yet own none of the fields. Perhaps you have only bought or borrowed them.'

"And that is pretty much the fact with many people who have quit or seemed to quit the worst sins, and seem to have some of the virtues. They have either bought or borrowed the virtues— bought them with hard exertions to overcome their temptations, or borrowed them by trying to wear the fruits of the tree of life. No, I tell [you], to be converted is not simply having the fruits of a good life, and it never is without having them."

An excerpt from *Sowing the Seed of Truth: Orthodox Quaker Sermons of Murray Shipley (1873-1876)*, edited by Sabrina Darnowski; published by Friends United Press and available through the FUM online bookstore.

Friends United Press is delighted to announce that *Sowing the Seed of Truth* has arrived in our warehouse. Our new book sale price on *Sowing the Seed of Truth* will last until August 15, 2024.





# CLASS ACT

*A Partnership with Faith Based  
Community & Asheboro City Schools*

**Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 3:00 PM**

**Asheboro High School Auditorium**

Asheboro Friends has three Class Act Teams working with classrooms at McCrary Elementary. This fall kickoff meeting is for any and all interested individuals. Free tickets are available from David Millikan or Cynthia Pierce.

For more information email: [poochie62355@yahoo.com](mailto:poochie62355@yahoo.com) or  
[lesterrivenbard@yahoo.com](mailto:lesterrivenbard@yahoo.com)

*“Connecting Classroom to the Community”*



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

*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.

The NC-Randolph Co chapter is becoming a reality! David Millikan, Jacob Wright, and Stephanie Wright will travel to Lehi, UT for training August 16-17. Checks may be made to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (indicate NC-Randolph Co chapter in the memo line) and delivered or mailed to Asheboro Friends Meeting.

You have one or more God-given talents that will enhance the lives of children in need.

**Once we are organized and running this is how the process works!**



**DONATIONS**

Individual, Businesses and Organizations  
Donate Bedding and Building Materials



**VOLUNTEERS**

Individual, Businesses and Organizations  
team up with local chapters and organizations



**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 August 1, 2024

### Members

Becky Boone  
Carol Bullins  
Jackie & Pat Cole  
Susie Dunn  
Ava Grace Fogleman  
Linda Lanier  
Twyla Little  
Helen Marley  
Carol Meiers  
Family of Linda Moody  
Mary Ella Pugh  
Esther Underwood  
Family of Danny West  
Tina Williams  
Vernon Wilson  
Hal & Jan Winslow

### 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

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

### Ministers & Staff

David Millikan  
David Peters  
Cynthia Pierce  
Mike Wall

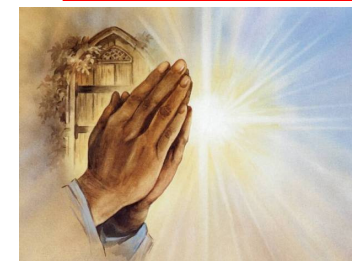


### Friends

Judy Barnes  
Julia Barnes  
Alice Beasley  
Family of Nancy Blair  
Logan Brooks  
Suzanne Brown  
Barbara Bullin  
Roger Bryant  
Larry Byrd  
Ethan Clarke  
Eddie Coggins  
Betty Cox  
Carson Daves  
Gwen Davis  
Jenny Ellington  
Candie Evavold  
Lauren Evavold  
Family of Ann White Felton  
Rita Bass Ford  
Family of Stuart Fountain

Craig Frazier  
Angela Frye  
Vickie Frye  
Ruby Gainey  
Treva Gallimore  
Ricky Harris  
Frank Horton  
Pat Hussey  
Bill Ivey  
Karen Jacobs  
Rick Johnson  
Ray Lambe  
Ben Lewis  
Libby McNeil  
Jeremy Moore  
Renee Nelson  
Tony Norris  
Don Osborne  
Jackie Parks  
Linda Poole  
Chuck Powers  
Family of Loyd Pugh  
Kaffy Reynolds  
Jennifer Ruff  
Family of Gil Sides  
Ron & Judy Smith  
Darrell Swaney  
Pam Thomas  
Tanya Trogdon  
Andy Walker  
Joe Weaver  
Family of Michelle Weaver  
Dolan Williams  
Claude Winslow

**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**



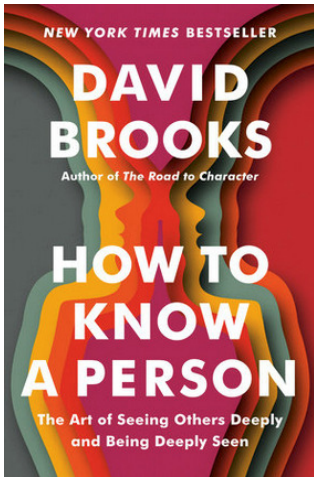
Please submit additions to our prayer list:  
Email: [asheborofriends@yahoo.com](mailto:asheborofriends@yahoo.com)  
Phone: (336) 625-3803 or (336) 689-4275

## FUM Will Host Book Study Group

“Wise people don’t just possess information; they possess a compassionate understanding of other people.”  
—David Brooks

This fall, Friends United Meeting will host conversations based on the book *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks.

David Brooks writes: *The real act of, say, building a friendship or creating community involves performing a series of small, concrete social actions well: disagreeing without poisoning the relationship; revealing vulnerability at the appropriate pace; being a good listener; knowing how to end a conversation gracefully; knowing how to ask for and offer forgiveness; knowing how to let someone down without breaking their heart; knowing how to sit with someone who is suffering; knowing how to host a gathering where everyone feels embraced; knowing how to see things from another’s point of view.*



Brooks’s list of social actions recalls the familiar verse from Galatians 5:22-23, “ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Please complete the online form at this link to let us know of your interest and availability:  
[https://bit.ly/FUM\\_book\\_2024](https://bit.ly/FUM_book_2024).

If a broadened and deepened sense of community and connectedness is something you desire, please complete the interest form and consider joining us this fall.  
— Michael Sherman

## A Letter from North Seattle Friends Church

Dear friends!

Sunday, before worship, an attender wondered if all the Quakers across the country could pray at a designated time for political peace and election violence prevention? She could see the spiritual power that would flow from a gathered, focused channel of Divine Presence across our country. And as she wondered aloud, she was sure that if her friends of other denominations and faiths knew that Quakers were praying, they would also want to join in.

As this vision was shared, it was suggested that we begin immediately. Every noon we, at North Seattle Friends, will pray to interrupt the spirit/energy of violence with whatever mode of Spirit is natural to us — prayer, imagery, meditation, silence, etc. We will seek to replace the energy of violence with the energy of Love, Goodness, and Holy Illumination. Our focused time will be as short or long as we are led and have space for, whether it is a moment between chores or the spaciousness of a dedicated time. We will know that these are not just our singular prayers, but the kindling of a greater, gathered community.

And so it is our joy to invite you and your Meeting/Church to join us in prayer at noon each day. We encourage you to send on this invitation to anyone and everyone, across denominations and faiths. We are not alone in our yearning for peace and hope you and many others will join us. We invite you to take up the challenge not with fear for the future, but with joyous expectation and hope! With visions of compassion and peace dancing in our hearts, we look forward to hearing from you!

Jan Wood, Worship Coordinator  
Acacia Cadorette, Clerk of North Seattle Friends Church  
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# Kids Klub News

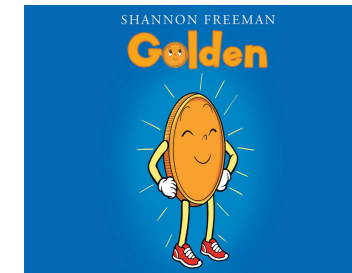


**Shannon Freeman**  
**shared her book**  
**Golden**  
**With Kids Klub on**  
**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**



Have you ever struggled with feelings of not being good enough or not valuable? Golden has too! Jump into these pages and meet a coin that struggles with his self-worth. See how he considers his value to be based on the words, actions, and opinions of others. Watch how a heartfelt conversation with his mom and a chance meeting with a new friend helps him learn that his value does not change from day to day or from moment to moment.

Shannon Freeman is a counselor at John Lawrence Elementary School, a former student of Cynthia Pierce, and now a published author.



## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!



**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUGUST 7, 2024**

