

Asheboro Community Bible Study

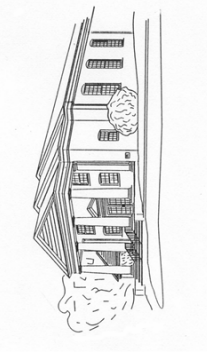
The 2024-2025 Study continues at Asheboro Friends Meeting. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

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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Thoughts from Parker J. Palmer - February 15, 2025

Heartbreak goes hand-in-hand with being fully human. If you love something or someone, at some point your heart will break.

It's how we live in and thru our heartbreak that makes the difference in our lives and the lives of those we touch. Will we let the experience shut us down in resentment and bitterness, or will we let it open us to largeness of life?

Here's a poem about allowing heartbreak to move us toward loving more, not less. Doing so, says the poet, is not an act of will, as if we could command ourselves to love when our world has turned to ashes. Instead, it's what the heart itself does as it goes on beating, "as if it knows/the only cure for love/is more of it."

When I've been broken so badly that even loving my own life felt impossible, attending to the simple fact that my heart was still beating helped me make it thru, one small step at a time. When our minds can't make sense of life, it's good to know we have access to other sources of wisdom, imprinted in our bodies by millennia of human experience.

Memo to Self: Don't override bodily wisdom with downward spiraling thoughts. As Mary Oliver wrote, "let the soft animal of your body love what it loves"—and it loves life.

[More about Jan Richardson's work at <https://www.janrichardson.com>.



Parker Jay Palmer is an American Quaker author, poet, educator, and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. He describes himself thusly:

POETRY + PROSE + POLITICS: Pro-democracy, Pro-civil discourse, Pro-decency
[Palmer's 10 books are available at tiny.cc/qocmuz AND <http://tiny.cc/5rcmuz>.]

Blessing for the Brokenhearted by Jan Richardson

There is no remedy for love but to love more. —Henry David Thoreau

Let us agree
for now
that we will not say
the breaking
makes us stronger
or that it is better
to have this pain
than to have done
without this love.

Let us promise
we will not
tell ourselves
time will heal
the wound,
when every day
our waking
opens it anew.

Perhaps for now
it can be enough
to simply marvel
at the mystery

of how a heart
so broken
can go on beating,
as if it were made
for precisely this—

as if it knows
the only cure for love
is more of it,
as if it sees
the heart's sole remedy
for breaking
is to love still,

as if it trusts
that its own
persistent pulse
is the rhythm
of a blessing
we cannot
begin to fathom
but will save us
nonetheless.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

A Danny & Joy Coggins — February 16
B David Pierce — February 19
B Seth Coggins — February 21
B Adam West — February 21
B Becky Craven — February 26

CUOC for February

Black Eye Peas

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December Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 8,085.08
Expenses:	\$ 12,209.77
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 41,457.94



Soup's On

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00-7:00 PM

First Baptist Church

Family Life Center

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

You get the meal, a locally made pottery bowl and a chance to win a large screen 4K Ultra HD Smart TV.

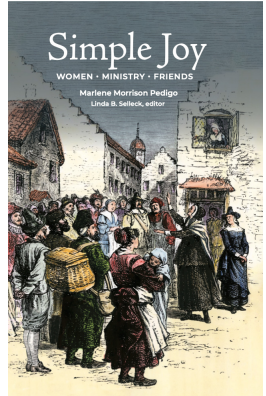
Tickets must be purchased in advanced.
There is a Silent Auction Also.

Proceeds to local charities: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Randolph Christian Men, and Regional Consolidated Services (handicap ramp fund)

Excerpt: Answering the Call

Irma [Morris] was the director of a childcare facility at the United Methodist Church in Wilmore, Kentucky, and had been recorded as a Friends minister by Iowa Yearly Meeting. While my husband Steve attended Asbury Theological Seminary, I worked for Irma in the afternoons with school-aged children.

One Saturday afternoon, Irma invited me over to her house to help make homemade noodles which she intended to carry to the Friends fellowship dinner the next day. As we talked together, I learned about her life. She told me it was my great-grandfather, JT Molloy from Iowa, who had recognized her call to public ministry. When she was eighty-seven years old, Irma wrote me a letter describing this moment in her life and her subsequent ministry as a woman:



"In fact, I have discovered some interesting things in my memory bank. I would never have chosen the public life, but a man named Jim Molloy walked from the east side of the church to the west side where I stood one Sunday morning, stuck his old crooked forefinger under my nose and said, 'I am going to live to see the day when you will stand behind that pulpit and preach the Gospel.' No one was more shocked than I. Being a teenager who had been raised to be polite, I did not laugh. Although I felt shock and felt it was something to laugh at, I have never forgotten that morning. It is as real as it ever was."

. . . As I got to know Irma better, I shared with her my leading to ministry which I had felt while a student at William Penn University. . . Irma and I realized there were those in the church who resisted women in ministry leadership. However, the ministry of women who responded to Jesus Christ faithfully can be found in the New Testament. Irma talked to me about the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30) and how we are each accountable to God for the stewardship of the life and abilities given to us. What will we say to the Lord when we get to heaven and are asked why we did not use our talents? Don't we want to hear from God, "Well done, good and faithful servant?" Is it acceptable to do nothing because we listen to discouraging voices who say women should not be found in ministry? Talking with Irma, I decided not to be afraid of following my calling and listening with sacred discernment to the voice of God.

— Excerpt from Simple Joy: Women, Ministry, Friends, by Marlene Pedigo and edited by Linda Selleck, coming soon from Friends United Press.

FEBRUARY 25th CHILD EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT



Join us from 6:00- 8:00PM
at Sunset Church of God
Family Life Center

- Hear from community experts in Child Trafficking and Exploitation as it pertains directly to THE PIEDMONT TRIAD
- Learn how you can protect our children and community from predators.
- Discover how Predators are targeting our children and hear from the Parent of a Teen Survivor.



LET US KNOW YOUR COMING!

*Please note discussion around sensitive topics may not be suitable for all ages.

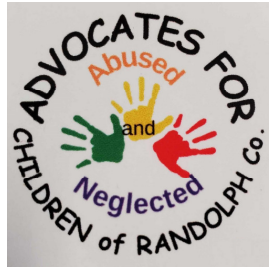
EDUCATE. EQUIP. EMPOWER

HOSTED BY THE RANDOLPH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT? CONTACT US AT INFO@THEINVICTUSPROJECT.ORG

Sadly, this is a topic that we all must learn more about. We would like to think that things like this only happen "somewhere else". This event will be hosted by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. Kids Klub has raised funds for these efforts. Other organizations taking part include:



Our children are our most precious resource!

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 has delivered 36 beds to kids in Asheboro. We have now included the Ramseur area also. Southern Quarterly Meeting is collecting funds for SHP with \$6,878.00 so far and is planning to sponsor a Build Day this spring. The Rotary Interact Clubs at Southwestern Randolph High School and Uwharrie Charter Academy will have a Build Day on Saturday, March 8.

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, mattress protectors, twin sheets, twin comforters/quilts, pillows, and pillowcases. All items must be new or hand-made. Twin size bed-in-a-bag sets are perfect. Bring to Asheboro Friends or to CUOC.



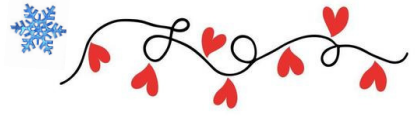
Anyone and everyone of any skill level can be a part of this ministry!

Please be in prayer how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity in our town!

Asheboro Friends Prayer List February 15, 2025

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

- Thomas Atkins
- Linda Bailey
- Judy Barnes
- Julia Barnes
- Alice Beasley
- Emma Briles
- Logan Brooks
- Suzanne Brown
- Barbara Bullin
- Roger Bryant
- Ethan Clarke
- Betty Cox
- Betty Davis
- Gwen Davis
- Family of Theron Farlow
- Craig Frazier
- Angela Frye
- Vickie Frye
- Ruby Gainey
- Treva Gallimore
- Mary Hunt
- Tracy Hunt
- Pat Hussey
- Bill Ivey
- Karen Jacobs
- Rick Johnson
- Ray Lambe
- Ben Lewis
- Charles Lewis
- Libby McNeil
- Jeremy Moore
- Renee Nelson
- Tony Norris
- Linda Poole
- Family of Chuck Powers
- Dorothy Priest
- Kaffy Reynolds
- Sandra Kay Rich
- Linda Roberts
- Jennifer Ruff
- Maxine Sechrest
- Phil Shepard
- Robert Small
- Family of Eva Smith
- Ron & Judy Smith
- Darrell Swaney
- Pam Thomas
- Tanya Trogdon
- Family of Chad Walsh
- Alice Wilson
- Dolan Williams
- Claude Winslow



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- [Our World](#)
- [Israel & The Ukraine](#)
- [Asheboro Friends Meeting](#)
- [Kids Klub & GLOW](#)
- [Friends Church of NC](#)
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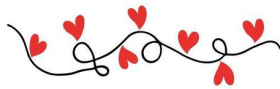
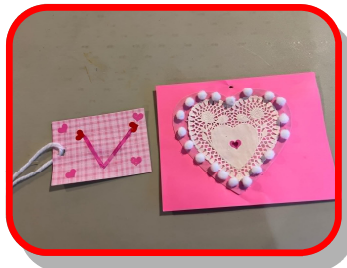
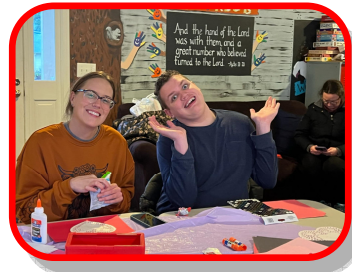


Please submit additions to our prayer list:
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Phone: (336) 625-3803 or (336) 689-4275

Kids Klub News



Love



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Upcoming Event



CAR WASH / Yard Sale

(Saturday ONLY)

A Friday & Saturday in June, 2025

**Help Our Kids Help Other Kids
Proceeds (50/50) donated to
Samaritan's Purse for Western NC
& Sleep in Heavenly Peace NC-Randolph**



How can you help?



- 1. Rent a yard sale table for only \$25.00 and keep all the money you make. (Contact Cynthia Pierce. ASAP)**
- 2. Donate items for the Kids Klub tables.**
- 3. Get your vehicles hand washed and detailed.**
- 4. Come purchase items for sale.**
- 5. Donate Money.**

