

Asheboro Community Bible Study

The 2024-2025 Study will begin at Asheboro Friends Meeting on September 9, 2024. You can choose between Monday nights at 7:00 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:45 AM.

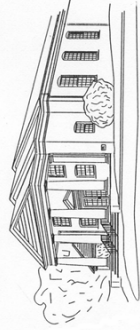
So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

— *Matthew 1:17 (ESV)*

We will study 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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Asheboro Friends Meeting
Words for Thought – October 1, 2024

Why Me

Why me Lord, what have I ever done
To deserve even one
Of the pleasures I've known
Tell me Lord, what did I ever do
That was worth loving You
Or the kindness You've shown
Lord help me Jesus, I've wasted it
So help me Jesus, I know what I am
Now that I know that I've needed you
So Help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand
Try me Lord, if you think there's a way
I can try to repay
All I've taken from You
Maybe Lord, I can show someone else
What I've been through myself
On my way back to You
Lord, help me Jesus, I've wasted it
So Help me Jesus, I know what I am
Now that I know that I've needed you
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— Kris Kristofferson (6/22/1936–9/28/2024)

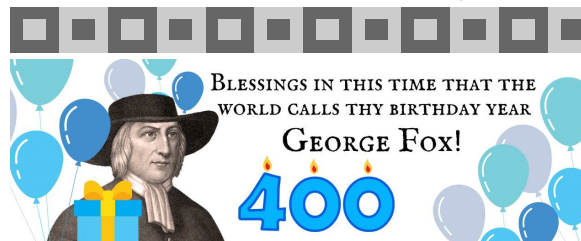
Birthdays & Anniversaries
B Hal Winslow — October 14
B Gina Roberson — October 16

CUOC for October
Baked Beans

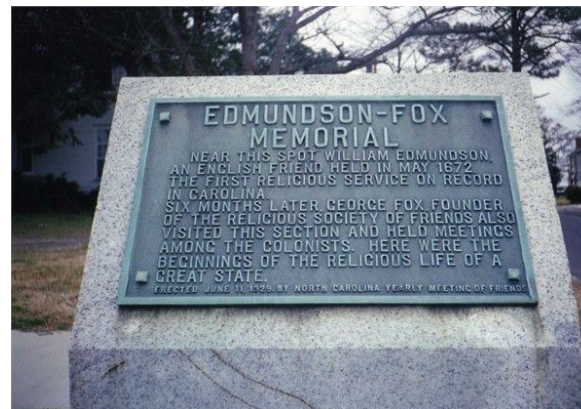
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August Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 6,160.05
Expenses:	\$ 12,856.99
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 20,381.09



George Fox was born the son of a Leicestershire weaver in England in July 1624. He lived in times of social upheaval and war and founded the Religious Society of Friends. He travelled throughout Britain as a dissenting preacher, performed hundreds of healings, and was often persecuted by the disapproving authorities. In 1671 Fox traveled to Barbados, Jamaica, and the North American colonies including what would become North Carolina.



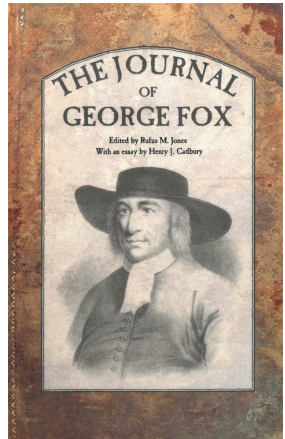
Excerpt: “...His light to believe in...”

“When I myself was in the deep, shut up under all, I could not believe that I should ever overcome; my troubles, my sorrows, and my temptations were so great that I thought many times I should have despaired, I was so tempted. But when Christ opened to me how He was tempted by the same devil, and overcame him and bruised his head, and that through Him and His power, light, grace, and Spirit, I should overcome also, I had confidence in Him; so He it was that opened to me when I was shut up and had no hope nor faith. Christ, who had enlightened me, gave me His light to believe in; He gave me hope, which He Himself revealed in me, and He gave me His Spirit and grace, which I found sufficient in the deeps and in weakness.

“Thus, in the deepest miseries, and in the greatest sorrows and temptations, that many times beset me, the Lord in His mercy did keep me.”

— Excerpt from *The Journal of George Fox*, edited by Rufus M. Jones, pp.74–75 — available to purchase as paperback or ebook from the FUM Online Bookstore.

*I asked, “Why doesn’t somebody do something?”
Then I realized I was somebody.*



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL **2PM - 6:30PM**
10.19.24

QUAKER LAKE CAMP
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

\$5 Admission Includes: Inflatables, Live Music, and Games for Kids of All Ages (with Prizes)

The Pumpkin Festival at Quaker Lake Camp offers many fun activities for all ages including hayrides, pumpkin painting, inflatables, canoeing, pumpkin smashing, and live music! Fill up on all your festival favorites including hot dogs, pizza, funnel cakes, popcorn, cotton candy and more!

~\$5 Admission, additional activities, and food are all cash only~

QUAKER LAKE CAMP
QLC
 pumpkin patch

*Quaker Lake does NOT allow alcohol, tobacco products (including smokeless cigarettes), pets, or concealed weapons.

quakerlakecamp.org

SHP
 SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

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.

Our NC-Randolph Co chapter completed our first Bed Build at Asheboro Friends on Saturday, September 28. We built fifteen beds! We are now working through the 62 applications representing 107 bed requests we have received thus far. 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.



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 October 1, 2024

Members

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



Friends

- Judy Barnes
- Julia Barnes
- Alice Beasley
- Logan Brooks
- Suzanne Brown
- Barbara Bullin
- Roger Bryant
- Family of Larry Byrd
- Ethan Clarke
- Eddie Coggins
- Betty Cox
- Carson Daves
- Betty Davis
- Gwen Davis
- Jenny Ellington
- Candie Evavold
- Lauren Evavold
- Al Fogleman
- Rita Bass Ford
- Craig Frazier
- Angela Frye
- Vickie Frye
- Ruby Gainey
- Treva Gallimore
- Ricky Harris
- David Huntley
- Pat Hussey
- Bill Ivey
- Karen Jacobs
- Rick Johnson
- Ray Lambe
- Ben Lewis
- Libby McNeil
- Jeremy Moore
- Renee Nelson
- Tony Norris
- Joanne Painter
- Family of Brantley Pierce
- Linda Poole
- Chuck Powers
- Kaffy Reynolds
- Jennifer Ruff
- Ron & Judy Smith
- Darrell Swaney
- Pam Thomas
- Tanya Trogdon
- Andy Walker
- Joe Weaver
- Dolan Williams
- Claude Winslow



- Hurricane Helene 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**



Hospitals & Nursing Homes

- Brookdale, Rock Hill, SC:
 Harry Hudson
- Novant Health Thomasville
 Don Osborne
- 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
- Gideon Ministries
- HASTEN International
- Belize Friends Center
- Friends Disaster Service
- 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

Please submit additions to our prayer list:
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Epistle of the World Plenary Meeting 2024

To all Friends everywhere,

We send loving greetings from the Friends World Committee for Consultation World Plenary, held August 5 to 12, 2024 online and in Vanderbijlpark near Johannesburg, South Africa, on the banks of the river variously known as the IHa!arib, Lekwa, iLikwa and the Vaal. We are truly ‘down by the riverside’ as we lay down our burdens and lift them up to God.

500 Friends have gathered at the river’s edge and online, coming from 53 countries and representing 95 Yearly Meetings, worship groups and Quaker organisations. Half of them joined the gathering online, individually and organised in 50 hubs all over the world, a first for a World Plenary Meeting. With joy we reflect on

how great it has been to have the contributions from online Friends in the room. For those of us online, it was a joy to be included and to experience the togetherness. Sadly, some Friends were prevented from joining us. We regret their absence and hold them in the Light.

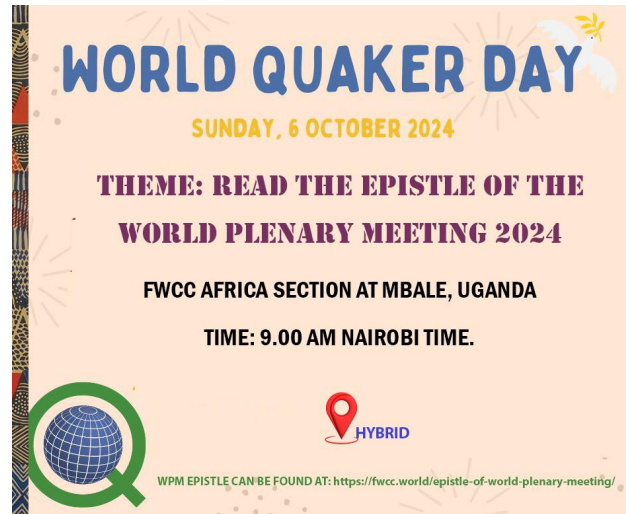
Our theme is ‘Living the Spirit of Ubuntu: Responding with Hope to God’s Call to Cherish Creation and One Another’. Ubuntu is a Zulu word that speaks to the power and ceaseless work of the Holy Spirit between us, enabling us to go beyond our individual selves and grasp that ‘I am because we are’.

In this joyous gathering, we have expanded our understanding and appreciation for who we – as Quakers – really are. What a gift. Despite our multitude of differences, we have celebrated that we share not only our Quaker founders – happy 400th birthday, George Fox! – but also deep Friendship, an openness to new Biblical interpretations, our structures and processes, our deep commitment to peace and justice, our love of the Earth, and our love of God.

Eager that all gathered Friends may participate as fully as possible, we have bridged geographical distance and differences in language with technology, patient interpreters, and God’s grace. We are thankful. In the inclusive spirit of Ubuntu, we have all – and particularly English speakers – been challenged to speak slowly and clearly enough for our interpreters to do their work. We have all been challenged to find a Spirit-led balance between speaking and listening, between action and contemplation, between doing and simply being.

Prior to this gathering, 46 of the Young Adult Friends among us came together for four days of shared experience, conversation, reflection, laughter, worship, and song. Living in community, Young Adult Friends explored, held, and danced with commonalities and differences. In an exciting development, a world committee of eight Young Adult Friends from all FWCC sections was formed. This reflects a joyful commitment to keep nurturing the newfound sense of community. Aware of the magnitude of the responsibility, Young Adult Friends call on all of us for support and trust.

We were warmly and joyously welcomed by our hosts from Southern Africa Yearly Meeting and the Africa Section of FWCC. A local Friend shared with us the South African greeting



‘sawubona’, which means ‘I see you and not only you, but all who have made you who you are’. She also spoke of how coming to Quakers helped her to believe in life beyond racist segregation. Excursions both virtual and local enriched our programme. Field trips to the Cradle of Humankind and the Apartheid Museum grounded the gathering in the context of our host country’s own painful and turbulent journey. We have been inspired by the Spirit-filled resilience of our hosts, emerging from the struggles of the past and present steadfastly to affirm that through God’s grace, we are still here. We are one.

Together, we have worshipped, prayed, sung, been warmed by the sun, chilled by the evening frost, and, of course, we talked — and talked — and talked some more. We have sought to discern Spirit-led ways forward to honour our commitment to our three interconnected themes: care of creation, the healing of relationships in the light of historic and ongoing injustice, and nurturing Ubuntu. Our emerging concerns have been captured and woven together in a tapestry document.

We are seized with the urgent need to do transformative work in the world. We are also called by that still small voice to pause, to listen deeply to one another and to creation. Jeremiah 29: 11-14 says: ‘For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.’ God is with us. We are here. We are one.

We have been challenged, and many of us are called to join collective, global Quaker action to live out our concerns — to be, as George Fox said — “valiant for Truth”. Others among us focus on local community. We are learning to expand our compassion for who we are, just as we find ourselves in all our brokenness and our beauty.

The variance in our perspectives, some large, some small, have become more apparent, at times painfully so. We have been able, with God’s blessing, to resolve some tension through compassionate conversation, while some was simply held in our midst. We are not discouraged.

Our past and present reminds us of our capacity to be faithful, courageous changemakers. With radical hope, we trust in our collective ability to “recognise, repent, redeem and restore” and to work together in beautiful and transformative ways. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! We know that through Jesus’ invitation to new life, ‘All things are made new.’ God has no hands but ours, no feet but ours, no lips but ours, so we keep imagining a better world. I am because you are. I am because we are. I see you. We belong to each other. We are still here. We are one.

George Fox’s radical insistence on bringing the Kingdom of God to all aspects of our lives, invited what he called ‘the new creation’. Are we ready for what is to come? Are we prepared to do what is required of us to birth the new creation? How does our living Ubuntu change the world?

As we return to our homes, with renewed love for our international Quaker family, may God bless the spaces between us as we seek a better world for all creation. Let the new creation come.

In God’s love, with radical hope,

Simon C. Lamb,
Clerk, FWCC, on behalf of all who were part of our World Plenary Meeting